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BISMARCK SENT TO ITS DOOM

Royal Navy Avenges Loss of H.M.S. Hood After Dogged Pursuit of Nazi Battleship

London, May 27.

ONE of the most exciting naval chapters in history came to a dramatic end today when it was announced in London that the German battleship, Bismarck (30,000 tons), had been sunk.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, made the announcement this morning, then the Admiralty issued a communique stating: "The German battle-cruiser Bismarck has been sunk by our naval forces. Details of the operations will be released as soon as possible."

Later, the official German news agency admitted the loss of this newest and most powerful unit of the German navy.

The Bismarck, which the Germans had claimed to be unsinkable, had been hunted by British warships and aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm ever since the British battle-cruiser, Hood (42,000 tons), was blown up in an engagement off Greenland on Saturday morning. The whole story of the action has yet to be told, but it is already known that among the British warships taking part in this hunt were the new battleship, Prince of Wales (35,000 tons), and the aircraft-carrier, Ark Royal (22,000 tons), one of whose planes scored a torpedo hit on the Bismarck.

The Bismarck, in company with the new 8-inch gun carrying cruiser, Prinz Eugen, was discovered by air reconnaissance last Wednesday at Bergen (Norway), and on Thursday it was known that they had left. Arrangements were made to intercept them in case they attempted an attack on British Atlantic convoys coming from the United States. They were sighted on Friday night, and at dawn on Saturday the Prince of Wales and the Hood intercepted the enemy vessels.

It was at this point that H.M.S. Hood was lost, and the weather grew much worse enabling the Bismarck to shake off the British ships. She was picked up again yesterday morning by American-made aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm when making for a French port. Yesterday afternoon, torpedo-carrying planes from the Ark Royal made a series of attacks on the Bismarck, which was now apparently alone. Four torpedoes struck the German battleship, the second of which apparently affected the steering, for not only was her speed very much reduced but she was steaming round in circles out of control. Two more torpedoes hit her, bringing her to a standstill, and soon after daylight today the British pursuing vessels opened fire on the Bismarck.

There is no news of the fate of the cruiser Prinz Eugen.

New Ship

The Bismarck, which was launched in February, 1939, at Hamburg in the presence of Hitler, was put into commission last November. She carried eight 15-inch guns and 12 5.9-inch guns as her main armament. She had a length of 792 feet, a breadth of 118 feet, and a speed of 30 knots.

The Prince of Wales was the last battelship to join the British fleet, and the fact that she was in commission was announced only a month ago. Her main armament consists of ten 14-inch guns and 12 6-inch guns.

The Ark Royal, which the Germans have claimed to have sunk several times, was completed in 1939. She mounts 16 4.5-inch guns and has a speed of 31 knots.

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Bismarck Sinking Acts As a Tonic In Shanghai

News of the sinking of the German battleship, Bismarck by the Royal Navy caused more excitement in Shanghai than any other news since the fateful fighting which led to France's collapse in June 1940. From 9 p.m. last night until early this morning the N.C.D.N. telephone switchboard was never out of action for more than a few minutes at a time and the night staff was kept even busier answering queries about the German ship's end and denying other rumours which had "sunk" threequarters of the German battle fleet with the Bismarck.

After the depressing news of the sinking of H.M.S. Hood, largest warship in the world, which blew up after receiving an unlucky hit in a battle with German naval forces, including the Bismarck, off Greenland on Saturday, the report of the avenging of the Hood acted like a tonic on Shanghailanders with the exception of Nazis, Fascists and their sympathizers, many of whom rang up this journal to confirm the sinking and thanked members of the night staff with painfully forced cheerfulness when bulletins on the Bismarck's doom, fresh from the teleprinter, were read out to them.

The majority of the callers, however, gave vent to their jubilation in real British style and many were the tributes paid to the Royal Navy which, once again, had sent British spirits soaring skyward after Saturday's depressing news.

Where Ignorance is Bliss...

Blissfully unaware of what had happened to the Bismarck, the news announcer of the Nazi radio station here last night chirped on very cheerfully about the loss of the Hood and told Shanghai, or the few that were listening to him in this city, what a fine ship the Bismarck was and how she had proved herself to be "superior" to the battleships of the British Navy, which now was being challenged by a fleet that was "numerically inferior but superior in quality."

The consensus of opinion among Britons last night appeared to be that the end of the Bismarck was expected when it had become known that the British Navy relentlessly was pursuing the fleeing Nazi battleship and other units of the German squadron that had taken part in the battle off Greenland. Despite all Axis propaganda that had made a mountain out of a molehill, faith in the Royal Navy to put an end to the Nazi's career had never wavered.

Many questions were asked about the Von Tirpitz, which, according to rumours, was in the same area as the Bismarck and which was said to be limping along at reduced speed. No news of the other battleship was received here last night or early this morning. The Bismarck, it will be recalled, was launched in 1939 and was completed in 1940. The Von Tirpitz was completed even later.

Enthusiatic Scenes In London

London, May 27.

The German battleship Bismarck was sunk at 11 a.m. today, revealed the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, speaking at a luncheon in London today.

Aircraft of the aircraft-carrier Ark Royal, he stated, put two torpedoes into the Bismarck last night, and this morning torpedo-bombers of that ship joined other units of the Royal Navy in putting the finishing touches to the Nazi vessel.

News of the sinking of the Bismarck spread like wildfire round London. A scene of great enthusiasm took place on the Stock Exchange where the announcement had a tonic effect.—Reuter.

British Closing in At Jimma

London, May 27.

A steady round-up of prisoners continues in southern Abyssinia where it looks as if the Italian concentration at Jimma is in for an unpleasant time, states a message from Cairo.

The weather is very bad; heavy rains continue. Traffic is on three quarters of roads which were not built for rains. There is still plenty of room for the remaining Italians to manœuvre but it is doubtful how far they will put up a fight since the original forces of 30,000 to 40,000 men a few weeks ago have been steadily melting through desertions and surrenders.

As a result of recent fighting in the lakes area of Abyssinia south of Addia Ababa four Italian divisions have been mopped up by British forces. Prisoners already taken in the centre of the lakes area total many thousands.

In North Africa vigorous patrolling and artillery action continue at Sollum but there is nothing to report from Tobruk.—Reuter.

Life at Tobruk

Cairo, May 27.

While the western desert is fairly quiet, an interesting picture of life at Tobruk has been given by a witness who recently returned. Despite frequent bombings there are still a great many habitable buildings in Tobruk where only troops and no civilians are to be seen.

There is plenty of food and beer and the troops enjoy swimming. The most dangerous spots are at the edge of the perimeter and in Tobruk itself where the Germans come bombing and machine-gunning at lunch times and in the evenings.

Vehicles and planes are widely scattered to avoid bombings but are little molested. There was a tragic moment when a beer store was hit by a bomb but not much damage was done and there were scores of willing volunteers for salvage work, the witness said.—Reuter.

Italian Officers Captured

Nairobi, May 27.

British troops have been actively patrolling from Soddu, in southern Abyssinia.

In addition to two division commanders captured with their staffs at Soddu, it is now learned that two Brigade commanders and two colonels have been captured.—Reuter.

Loss of Hood Shatters British Moral—Berlin

Berlin, May 27.

Authorized German military sources declared yesterday that sinking of the British battle-cruiser Hood by the German warship Bismarck probably would do more to shatter British moral than any other single occurrence of the war.

The press continued to carry columns of foreign press comment on the sinking, and published photographs of the Bismarck.—United Press.

Churchill Statement Seen on Conscription

London, May 27.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, today was expected to make a statement at the next sitting of the House of Commons regarding the Government's reported decision to extend conscription to Ulster, a step which London newspapers editorially agreed would lead to riots and bloodshed in northern Ireland.

The Lonoon newspapers also said that such action would result in further alienation of Eire and perhaps even a German invasion.

It appeared likely that Mr. Churchill would decide the Government's course of action during his conference on Saturday with Mr. John M. Andrews, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland (Ulster), who is to make a statement simultaneously in the Ulster House of Commons.

Mr. Eamon de Valera's protest before the Dail on Monday, therefore, was believed to have been made more for record than the hope of influencing Mr. Churchill since, according to the Eireann Prime Minister, Eire previously had made strong representations to Britain against such measures.—United Press.

Jan Valtin Tells Dies Committee of Gestapo Agents Working in U.S.

Washington, May 27.

Mr. Richard Krebs, who under the pen-name of Jan Valtin wrote the best-selling book, "Out of the Night" on the German Gestapo (Secret Police), yesterday told a Dies subcommittee that the Gestapo was conducting a campaign to "tear up" the United States by "civil strife" and to undermine its prestige in Latin-America.

Mr. Krebs declared that Gestapo agents had been sent to the United States in the guise of "political refugees," and said that these agents were also operating in other areas of the world.

"Many actually are ex-political prisoners whose families have been kept in Germany as hostages," Mr. Krebs declared. "They are ordered to file monthly reports to the Gestapo. If none arrived or were misleading, the families would be arrested. It is impossible for anyone to be released from a concentration camp unless a pledge is signed to serve the Gestapo."

Testifying before the committee investigating un-American activities, Mr. Krebs declared that agents were instructed to take out final citizenship papers in order to be admitted to jobs in key industries, the merchant marine, Coast Guard and even the Army.

Most Nazi espionage was being carried out by trained German seamen who were making photographic surveys of ports, defences and strategic areas, Mr. Krebs stated, adding that "hardly a port in the world" has not been photographed.—United Press.

Would-be Assassin of Italian King Executed

London, May 27.

Mihaliff Vapil Daco, who fired at the King of Italy and the Albanian Prime Minister ten days ago, was executed at dawn today in the prison at Tirana, according to the Rome radio. He had been sentenced to death by court martial at Tirana.—Reuter.

More Men to Be Called To Colours in U.S.

Washington, May 27.

President Roosevelt has issued a proclamation ordering the second registration of United States manpower to take place on July 3. It is estimated that about 1,000,000 men will have to register.—Reuter.

British Tanks in Practice Action

These tanks are manned by the men of a Yeomanry Regiment. They are shown in practice attack on a position in Northern Ireland. Members of yeomanry regiments in the last war will note the difference in this one.

Raeder Warning to America Condemned by Cordell Hull

Washington, May 27.

THE State Department yesterday indicated that the warning of Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German Fleet, that Germany would regard United States convoys to Britain as an act of war, was an attempt to frighten the United States and other American Republics in a manner reminiscent of the way Chancellor Adolf Hitler "softened" small countries of Europe before seizing them.

At his regular press conference yesterday Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, said that the Raeder statement spoke for itself.

The statement, Mr. Hull said, seemed to be some sort of threat to induce the United States and other American nations to refrain from exerting their self-defence efforts until Germans gained control of the high seas of the world and the other four continents.

It seemed to be a favourite system for Germany, either by threats or persecution to induce many countries of Europe to refrain from any effort at defence until Chancellor Hitler was ready to seize their fleets, Mr. Hull said.

Especially Significant

Observers deemed the Hull comment especially significant because his reaction referred to American nations generally. Mr. Hull arrived late at his press conference, indicating that he had given time for careful consideration of remarks he intended to make.

Answering questions concerning the Far East, Mr. Hull said he so far had little information concerning alleged Japanese seizure of American owned goods from Haiphong godowns.

The State Department, he said, was giving attention to the matter and later may have something to communicate to the press.

Asked if the Japanese Foreign Office had said anything to Mr. Joseph C. Grew, U.S. Ambassador to Tokyo, concerning American aid to Britain, Mr. Hull replied that he had no information in that connection.

German Attempts

Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, yesterday accused Germany of attempting to overshadow the President's speech due on Tuesday night.

Commenting on Berlin reports of the interview given a Japanese news agency by Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German Fleet, Mr. Early said "I have an idea that Berlin is trying to do anything it can to beclouds the President's speech.

"I would not be surprised, "Mr. Early said, "if that interview is only one of the things correspondents will be querying me about from Berlin between now and Tuesday night.

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Japan Warns U.S. Not to Ignore Raeder's Warning

Tokyo, May 27.

Japan, through an official spokesman, today warned the United States not to ignore the warning of Germany's naval chief, Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, that United States convoying of war materials to Germany would be considered by Germany as an act of war.

Mr. Koh Ishii, Deputy Spokesman of the Cabinet Information Board, issued the warning at his regular press conference with Foreign correspondents.

Mr. Ishii was asked concerning Japan's attitude toward the warning issued by Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German Fleet.

"In the event the United States ignores Admiral Raeder's warning I am afraid it will create a dangerous and most difficult situation, "Mr. Ishii said.

Mr. Matsuoka's Warning

"It might mean destruction of modern civilization, as Mr. Matsuoka (Japanese Foreign Minister) has repeatedly warned," Mr. Ishii said.

The spokesman also characterized British blacklisting of 92 Japanese vessels, including 65 whalers and small catch boats, as an "infringement of neutrality rights." For that reason, he said, Japan rejected the British action.

Mr. Ishii explained that the British vice-consul at Los Angeles cited as the reason for the British blacklisting, Japan's non-cooperative attitude because of Japanese failure to apply for navicerts.

Not Understandable

Such a British attitude, Mr. Ishii said, was not understandable, owing to the fact that Japan "never recognized the navicert system."

He pointed out that the British vice-consul was reported to have denied reports that Japanese ships had supplied oil to German raiders.

The British vice-consul had announced that Japanese vessels had refused to cooperate with the British by not applying for navicerts, Mr. Ishii said.—United Press.

Roosevelt Speech Tensely Awaited by Washington

Washington, May 27.

WASHINGTON is more tense, awaiting the Tuesday night speech of President Roosevelt, than at any time since 1917, Mr. William Philip Simms, noted commentator for the Scripps-Howard newspapers, wrote here yesterday.

"Not within the memory of the capital's oldest envoy has a Presidential pronouncement been awaited here or abroad with greater concern than President Roosevelt's fireside chat on Tuesday night," said Mr. Simms.

"Even in 1917, diplomats said, there has not been so much tension or uncertainty. Then, President Woodrow Wilson made clear that there would be war if the Germans sank United States vessels.

Life Line

"Washington is told," Mr. Simms continued, "that unless the United States keeps the Alantic open, Britain will be doomed. Unless the United States patrols the south Atlantic, the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea, Britain's life line of U.S. aid will be severed. Unless the United States takes Dakar from the French, the Nazis will invade South America.

"Unless we occupy the Azores, the Canary Islands and Cape Verde, the Germans will occupy them, and likewise, Guadeloupe and Martinique. England is threatened and so is Greenland, while the Irish are hungry and blame the lack of U.S. ships to carry food to Eire," Mr. Simms wrote.

"Reviewing the Far Eastern situation, Mr. Simms wrote "it is said that if the Atlantic is to be made safe for U.S. and British vessels, a large part of the Pacific Fleet would have to be transferred, meaning that the chances would be better than ever that war would spread to the Philippines and the Netherlands East Indies.

"What, therefore, does President Roosevelt think and what is he going to do?" Mr. Simms asked. "Will it be convoys, declaration of a total national emergency, armed aid to Britain and China, including war if necessary? That is what every diplomat here is anxiously asking."—United Press.

Iraqi Rebel Regime Collapsing Rapidly

London, May 27.

Today's reports on the situation in Iraq agree that the rebel regime of Sayid Rashid Ali Gailani is losing strength, and that German help so far has not been sufficient to produce results.

A message from Ankara says that continued British pressure by land and air has weakened the loyalty of several of Rashid Ali's best generals. His political friends, too, continue to desert him, the latest member of the Cabinet to flee the country being his Defence Minister. He is said to have fled to Turkey for what he calls "medical treatment."—Reuter.

De Valera Objects To Conscription

Dublin, May 27.

Mr. Eamon de Valera spoke to a crowded Dail yesterday afternoon on the question of conscription in Ulster.

"There can be no more grievious attack on any foundamental right than to force an individual to fight by force for a country to which he objects to belong," he said.

He recalled that when the British government proposed conscription for northern Ireland, he had made representations to London against it. He continued that the six northern counties were part of Ireland and the inhabitants were Irishmen and nothing could alter that fact.

Mr. Eamon de Valera

"No matter what political or economic changes may take place in this world, the people living in these two islands are destined to live as neighbours. We have refrained from doing anything that might be regarded as hostile to Britain. "We pledged ourselves that we would not permit our territory to be used as a base for enemy action against Great Britain, and the forces that we have are our guarantee that we will keep that pledge.

Good Work Jeopardized

"If the British government goes ahead with conscription in the six counties, they will undo the work and the goodwill of the past and the people of these two islands will be thrown back again into the old unhappy relations."

Mr. William R. Cosgrave, leader of the opposition, said: "It is vital that at this time no question of a misunderstanding between us and Great Britain should be allowed to revive an old enmity, which everyone in this House fervently hopes has been forever ended."

Dangerous Situation

Mr. Cosgrave added that the present situation in the war was exceedingly dangerous and that if it was not properly handled it might involve not merely the future welfare, but the very existence of the state. Unfavourable reactions to conscription were difficult to calculate, but they undoubtedly would be great. He was convinced that the results that might inevitably ensue in both parts of

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More British Troops, Supplies Reach Crete

London, May 27.

REINFORCEMENTS of men and supplies are reaching the British troops in Crete as the battle for the island began its second week, with fighting as fierce and confused as ever, according to authoritative quarters in London this afternoon. The enemy has suffered very heavy casualties in his unsuccessful attempts to make any serious invasion by sea.

In contrast with the usual fantastic claims by the Germans of British naval losses, it is learned in London that the Royal Navy has lost six warships off Crete—two cruisers and four destroyers: the Gloucester (9,400 tons) and the Fiji (5,450 tons) and the destroyers Juno, Greyhound, Kashmir and Kelly. Two battleships, the Warspite (31,100 tons) and the Valiant (29,150 tons), are learned to have been hit but reached their base, while several cruisers were damaged, but not seriously.

It has been difficult in London to estimate how many troops the Germans have been able to land in Crete by air and fishing-boats, but a suggestion that the total is 28,000 is thought to be exaggerated. Air-borne troops, however, have continued to arrive in the isle.

Desperate Efforts

The enemy is making desperate efforts to gain control of Canea and Suda Bay, which contain the best anchorages. His casualties are much heavier than the British, and it is thought that British resistance has been far greater than he expected.

A few boat-loads of Germans may have landed in the isle from Greek fishing smacks, but it is known that British submarines, cruisers and destroyers have taken a very heavy toll of the enemy's forces. There is no telling how many thousands have been drowned.

It is stated that despite losses, the British naval position in the eastern Mediterranean has not been seriously affected and British ships are continuing, for instance, to land reinforcement for General Freyberg's troops.

British forces still hold the ports and aerodromes of Heraklion and Retimo though fierce fighting is going on in the neighbourhood.—Reuter.

British Withdraw at Canea

Cairo, May 27.

German troops in the area west of Canea, in Crete, supported by further intensive bombing, launched another attack yesterday evening which enlarged their penetration into the British defences, necessitating the withdrawal of British troops to positions in the rear, states today's British Middle East Army communique.

German reinforcements continue to reach the island by air, and heavy fighting is continuing, adds the communique—in an air and sea battle, the Germans lost E-boats. The battle lasted almost continuously from Monday to Thursday. Two convoys of sea-borne invaders were dispersed with losses.

See-Saw Battle

The fighting in Crete, especially in the vicinity of Maleme, is increasing in violence, with both sides making thrusts and counter-thrusts, according to the latest news from the battle front.

The tide of battle is said to be swaying to and fro in the area between Canea and Maleme and around Maleme airfield.

Earlier it was reported that the Germans, with the aid of air-borne reinforcements and under cover of intense air bombardment, had penetrated British positions, and that New Zealand troops had immediately counter-attacked.

The Germans are apparently showing complete disregard for the heavy losses suffered by their troops. German losses of aircraft are also stated to be heavy, with no less than 24 aircraft of all types destroyed in the last 36 hours by British bombers and fighters. This is the number known to have been destroyed: many others were badly damaged.

It is known that the ports and aerodromes of Heraklion and Retimo are still in British hands, and that at these points there has been no change, although German troops are

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Syrian Aerodrome Bombed by R.A.F.

London, May 27.

Twenty British planes bombed and machine-gunned the aerodrome at Palmyra in Syria, the Beirut radio announced last night. The announcer added that damage was caused to runways but no damage was done to material and there were no casualties.—Reuter.

London Has 16th Raid-Free Night

London, May 27.

London experienced another night free from bombing last night—the 16th consecutive raid-free night.

A few bombs, however, were dropped on towns in the south and east coast, and some slight damage caused. No one was, however, reported injured.

One enemy fighter was shot down into the English Channel last night.

Fighters Attack Dover

Two of Germany's latest fighters—Messerschmitt-109f substratosphere planes—were in action yesterday against the Dover balloon barrage.

Unlike the familiar Messerschmitt-109's their wings are not square out, but are tapered with rounded tips like those of the Hurricane.—Reuter.

New Bill to Curtail Philippine Shipments

Washington, May 27.

Application of shipping priorities under authority of legislation approved by Congress last week will halt further shipments of strategic materials from the Philippines in U.S. bottoms, authoritative Government sources revealed yesterday.

It was understood in reliable quarters that defence experts dealing with raw materials and resources had agreed to commandeer all U.S. cargo space in the Far East for priority materials such as rubber, tin, quinine, chrome, hemp and manganese.

The list of materials which will be permitted cargo space definitely does not include sugar according to a reliable Maritime Commission spokesman—thus hampering movement of Philippine sugar to the mainland.

In accordance with the law, the Maritime Commission will be given authority to declare what cargo shall be carried in U.S. vessels and indirectly to decide where the vessels may go.—United Press.

German Infiltration Continues in Syria

Haifa, May 27.

There is still tension in Syria, but the government appears to have succeeded in allaying the population's fear of becoming involved in military operations, according to messages reaching here from Beirut.

The government, it is reported, is trying to persuade the population that Marshal Philippe Petain and Admiral Francois Darlan are acting in their best interests.

German infiltration continues unabated, especially in the Aleppo district, the messages add.—Reuter.

Recommendation of U.S. Nutrition Conference

Washington, May 27.

President Roosevelt's National Nutrition Conference yesterday recommended immediate action to improve the health of 45,000,000 undernourished Americans necessary for "total defence." The committee said that 40 per cent. of the nation's families was on "a slow starvation diet."—United Press.

Argentina Said Buying Interned Italian Ships

Buenos Aires, May 27.

Argentina has reached an agreement for the purchase of 22 Italian ships totalling 50,000 tons interned in Argentine ports, it is learned.—Reuter.

Registration in U.S.

Washington, May 26.

President Roosevelt has ordered, effective from July 1, selective service registration for all men who have become 21 since the first draft registration held on October 16, 1940. All males and alien males must comply with the order which is expected to affect 1,000,000 men.—Domei.

Isolationist Leaders Confer to Plan Rebuttal Move to Roosevelt's Speech

Washington, May 27.

Congressional isolationist leaders, anticipating important changes in the nation's foreign policy following President Roosevelt's fireside talk tonight, met late yesterday to plan rebuttal action. The group met under the leadership of Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat of Montana, and Representative Hamilton Fish, Republican of New York.

Paraphrasing the statement by Mr. Stephen Early, White House Secretary, that the speech by Mr. Roosevelt would not be pleasing to the enemies of democracy here and abroad, Fish declared that the results of their meeting "will be very pleasing to the friends of democracy in America."

A call for the withdrawal of "isolationists and appeasers" from the foreign policy field went out from Representative Luther Patrick. He declared that dangers to the United States had been heightened by sinking of the Hood and the British reverses in Crete.

Representative Charles L. Gifford, Republican of Massachussetts, told the House that "the American people are pleading for leadership" and that the nation expects "some sign of such leadership."—United Press.

Ordeal of Greek King When Escaping From Crete

Cairo, May 27.

MORE details of the dramatic escape of King George of Greece from Crete were available today. The King, according to all reports, vacated his residence in the nick of time, as hundreds of German parachutists had landed only a mile or so away. While German planes darkened the sky the Royal party started out towards the centre of the island. Conditions were appalling and the heat was terrific.

To make matters worse, the King and his party wore only light walking shoes. For three days the party walked and climbed intermittently.

The British Minister, Sir Michael Palairet, and his staff also had narrow escapes. Major-General Thomas Heywood, chief of the British military mission to Greece, who returned here with the Greek monarch, told how he phoned the King's house on the morning of May 20—the first day of the attack—only to find the Germans answering.

In the afternoon while Sir Michael and Lady Palairet and the Legation staff were sheltering in trenches, the Legation had three near misses from bombs. The British Consul, Mr. Mead, was buried and had to be dug out with bare hands and a brass flower pot.

From orders captured it was found that the Germans had chosen as the parachutists headquarters a place where 3,000 Italian prisoners were guarded by a Greek company. Each parachutist apparently carried triple armaments intended to arm the Italians. In the main gaol they released and armed the prisoners, who however turned and fought against them.

Legation Party

General Heywood described how at 3.30 in the morning, in three unescorted cars, the Legation party set out to join the King and, crossing a high mountain, finally reached the coast.

While walking with the King they saw over 500 parachutists descending. They climbed an 8,000-foot mountain in two days.

After a bitterly cold night spent on the mountain top in a stone shepherd's hut, where the King had a meal of sheep's milk and cheese, they descended from the mountain.

The Legation and the King's party eventually met.

The last meal was cooked by Lady Palairet, consisting of eggs and tinned army ration, and it was followed by a dreary, anxious wait during the night for the promised ship. Finally a flare was seen out at sea, and a young diplomat was sent out in a caique to see if it was friend or foe.

General Heywood paid a warm tribute to New Zealanders, the Cretan garrison and Greek troops, especially a battalion of young Greek soldiers who, although little trained, mopped up every parachutist in their area. Cretan villagers also formed Home Guard units equipped with all kinds of rifles.—Reuter.

Main Japanese Offensives in China Ended

The main Japanese offensives in China have come to an end for the time being after achieving tremendous results, declared Col. Akiyama, army spokesman, at yesterday's press conference here. The main objectives were carried out, he said, the chief purpose of Japanese military action having been to decimate the fighting strength of the Chinese forces.

Certificates of surrender have been distributed by Japanese planes in central China and Chinese forces have been picking these up and surrendering in large numbers, said Col. Akiyama. In fact, Col. Akiyama added with a smile, so many Chinese had surrendered that it hampered the movements of Japanese troops. The necessity of feeding the prisoners was another disadvantage, he said, and had led to complaints being made to the Japanese High Command to reduce the distribution of these certificates.

The army spokesman said that Mr. Carrol Alcott seemed worried about the war situation in Shansi owing to the fact that both sides were claiming victories. Col. Akiyama said that onlookers should try to decide which side was making conscientious reports. The Chinese, said the army spokesman, claimed to have crossed the Yellow River to bring the fighting to an end. But how could the Chinese have crossed the Yellow River when the six crossing points were all under Japanese control, asked Col. Akiyama. How could the Chinese forces on the south bank of the river send reinforcements across when they were unable to do so during the heavy fighting? Chinese reports stated that severe blows were struck at the Japanese in Shansi but failed to tell how and where, said Col. Akiyama.

Operations Completed

Operations in Shansi have been completed apart from mopping up said the army spokesman and added that the fact that ten Chinese officers of ranks higher than division commander were killed showed how heavy were the Chinese losses. The 5th Army has virtually vanished, he said.

The Japanese army wished to pay its respects to Gen. Tseng Wan-chou who killed himself when his army was surrounded, showing the real *samurai* spirit. The commanders of the 3rd and 17th army were killed as was Gen. Tang Wei-yuan, said Col. Akiyama.

From May 1 to May 20, the Japanese captured on various fronts enough artillery for seven division, enough heavy machine-guns for five divisions, enough light machine-guns for three divisions and enough rifles for six divisions, said Col. Akiyama.

"We do not need to make haste" said Col. Akiyama when denying a statement alleged to have been made by Carrol Alcott to the effect that Japanese expected victory in Shansi to cause the immediate fall of the Chungking government.

It is the Chinese who are in a hurry, not the Japanese, said Col. Akiyama. He said this was shown by the appeal in the "Ta Kung Pao" to the United States to settle problems in the Pacific first.

Incomplete figures on Chinese casualties in Shansi were given by the Japanese army spokesman, who alleged that the dead numbered 35,042 and the prisoners 12,946.

British "Navicerts" for Switzerland

Official information has been received to the effect that a new procedure has been instituted with regard to "Navicerts" covering the following products destined for Switzerland:—

Coal, wheat, oats, rye, barley, maize and fodder generally, tin, tin plate, carbon black, raw rubber, mineral oils, oil seeds, vegetable and animal oils and fats, cocoa and cocoa butter, honey, tea, raw wool and raw cotton.

Applications for "Navicerts" to cover exports to Switzerland of these commodities will no longer be accepted by British representatives abroad, but importers in Switzerland may apply for these facilities through the Swiss authorities there. On approval of the application by the Ministry of Economic Warfare, in London, a "Navicert" will be issued by the British Embassy to the consignor against payment of the usual fee.

French Diplomats Told To Leave Palestine

London, May 27.

French consular authorities in Palestine have been requested to leave by May 28, Reuter learns in authorative quarters in London. This action, it is understood, has been taken by the British authorities in consequence of French action requiring British consular officers in Syria to leave their posts on or before the same date.—Reuter.

Mexicans Said Seeking French Islands

Mexico City, May 27.

The Mexican General Confederation of Workers today was reported preparing to urge the Government to examine the possibility of extending Mexican sovereignty over the French-owned Clipperton island off the coast of Mexico.

"France is now practically Nazi dominated and is unable to exercise mandates over American possessions," competent quarters declared.—United Press.

Gracie Fields Is Returning Home

Gracie fields is coming back to England in May. She has given this promise in a letter to her life-long friend Mrs. Bertha Schofield, of Rochdale.

The news will delight her friends who remained loyal to her despite the criticisms which followed her departure to Canada. It will be particularly welcome in her native town of Rochdale.

"She is definitely coming home," Mrs. Schofield told a "Sunday Dispatch" reporter. "In her letter she says she will be here for six weeks, but there is no mention of how she intends to go back.

"Well Again"

"Her concerts in Canada have raised more than £50,000 for war charities, she tells me. That's a lot better than singing here for nothing.

"She is well again. That's all I can tell you about the letter I have had."

Gracie Fields and Bertha Schofield have been friends since they were children. Whenever Gracie visited her native Lancashire she stayed with Mrs. Schofield.

She was her champion through the violent controversy which resulted from Gracie marrying Monty Banks—an Italian—and going to Canada with him.

Another loyal supporter has been Gracie Fields' brother-in-law Douglas Wakefield, who told a "Sunday Dispatch" reporter: "Nobody except those who know her intimately can appreciate what a blow it was to Grace when people accused her of having quit her native country.

Worried A Lot

"They soon forgot how, when she was seriously ill, she gave up practically all her time to entertaining troops.

"I know she has worried a lot about being away from England and about the welcome she would have if she came back here. It only needed a hint of a friendly reception to bring her back right away."

Two PBY Bombers Leave P.I. for Singapore

Manila, May 27.

Two Consolidated PBY bombers which were flown by American airmen to Cavite yesterday from the United States for delivery to the British Far Eastern forces, yesterday took off for Singapore manned by British crews. To date a total of six American bombers have passed through Manila en route to Singapore.—Domei.

Japan Warned on Communism

Tokyo, May 27.

The Minister of Justice, Lieutenant-General Heisuke Yanagiwa, today urged provincial judicial officers to watch vigilantly and prevent contact between the Comintern and Japanese Communists and also to suppress publications or discussion calculated to spread Communistic ideas.

He warned against a possible recrudescence of Communistic activities as a sequel to the neutrality pact between Soviet Russia and Japan.—United Press.

"Asahi" Sees China As Puppet of U.S.

Tokyo, May 27.

The "Asahi" in an editorial today on "Chungking Regime: American Puppet" asserted that despite Chiang Kai-shek's desperate appeals for American assistance, realizing that this now was his only hope, Chinese masses have come increasingly to realize the folly of prolonging resistance, with American help, which in a final analysis is more than another imperialistic investment concealed behind the benign mask of idealism and altruism.

The editorial said that Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, new United States Ambassador who arrived in Chungking on May 22, would now preside over Chungking's affairs in a much greater role than a diplomatic representative in view of the difficulties in which Chiang Kai-shek had been placed as a result of the Soviet-Japanese Pact and the convincing success of Japanese military drives in north, central and south China.

It was significant that simultaneously the Aid to Chiang Kai-shek Movement was given fresh impetus in various events in the United States. These included, first the US$5,000,000 collection during China Relief Week beginning on May 18 in which 200 American State and Municipal officials played leading roles, and secondly prayer meetings for Chinese war dead at churches throughout the United States on May 25.

Stabilization Loan

The recent conclusion of the US$50,000,000 Currency Stabilization Agreement between Chungking and Washington must be interpreted as the United States reply to the Soviet-Japanese Treaty.

It was reported that at the same time American aviators were continuing to help Chungking train its air force while America was said to have en route 20 Flying Fortresses and 400 fighters. All these gestures fall in line with Chiang Kai-shek's repeated outcries urging the United States to enter into the world conflict in order to crush the European dictators in the West, and to crush the Japanese fleet in the Pacific in order to frustrate Japan's southward programme to safeguard American rights and interests in Asia.

There was no denying, the "Asahi" said, that Chungking inwardly feared America's ulterior motives, knowing American genius lay not only in the missionary field, but also in hard business.

It would be foolish to pretend this realization had been successfully kept away from the thinking groups, and the truly patriotic Chinese, the daily declared.

"Materialistic" Motives

Chiang himself on various occasions expressed his ill pleasure over the fact that every American protest to Japan was connected with the Sino-Japanese conflict and were claims for American interests and rights, rather than anything else, it was pointed out.

The newspaper recalled the scathing denunciation of the United States materialistic motives coming from no other than Madame Chiang and recently published in a widely circulated journal.

The "Asahi" mentioned the wave of rumours in Chungking to the effect that the Chinese Communists would thrown in their lot with the Nanking Government and would jointly attack the Central Armies.

Whatever the truth of these rumours, it was declared, it was true the Communist troops merely looked on during the recent Japanese drives in Shansi and Honan against weakened Central troops in Chiang Kai-shek's First War Zone.

Side by side with growing American attempts to bolster Chiang Kai-shek's resistance, there has been an increased awakening among the Chinese masses to the fact that the Chungking regime had been reduced to the role of an "American puppet, the "Asahi" said.

Chungking cannot continue resistance without gravely and perhaps irrevocably sacrificing China's integrity, the preservation of which had been Chiang Kai-shek's advertized aim, the newspaper continued.—Domei.

Chinese Shell Japanese Troops on Yellow River

Chungking, May 27.

Chinese artillery on the south bank of the Yellow River has subjected Japanese positions on the north bank to an intensive shelling, according to Chinese despatches reaching here.

It is claimed that the Chinese scored direct hits on three Japanese batteries and that a number of casualties were inflicted on Japanese troops.—Reuter.

Szechuen, Kansu, Shensi Raids

Chungking, May 27.

Japanese aerial activity over Szechuen, Kansu and Shensi provinces yesterday is reported in messages received here.

Twenty-two Japanese aircraft raided Szechuen, four appearing over Chungking and 18 others turned eastward after reaching Fushan and Patung.

Yesterday morning two Japanese scouting planes and seven fighters appeared over Tienshui, in Kansu, but escaped eastward when engaged by Chinese fighters, it is stated. Twenty-five other plane raided Sian and Hanchung.—Reuter.

"Devastating" Raid

At a Japanese Naval Air Base, May 27.

Two Japanese naval air units operating along the Yangtze, yesterday afternoon, in spite of unfavourable weather, conducted a devastating raid on Yanghupo, 45 kilometres southeast of Anking, completely crushing Chungking troop base there, according to a communique issued by the Press Section of the Japanese Central China Seas Fleet today.

Several barracks of the Chungking 146th Division were blown up, while direct hits were scored on the powder magazine and military godowns there, the communique added.—Domei.

PREPARATIONS are in progress by a preparatory committee set up within the Finance Bureau of the Shanghai Special Municipality, for the establishment of a Shanghai City Reconstruction Bank to be capitalized at CNC$2,000,000, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports. According to the paper, 51 per cent of the capitalization will be taken over by the Municipality and the remaining 49 per cent distributed among the public.

How The World's Largest Fort Fell; As Told by A Premier

IN the darkness and confusion of the Nazi invasion of Belgium and France last May some of the most astonishing stories of the war went unchronicled.

Among them was that of the capture of the Belgian fortress of Eben-Emael. It has just been related to me by the Belgian Prime Minister, M. Hubert Pierlot, writes Mr. George Slocombe in the "Sunday Express."

The fort of Eben-Emael, just north of Liège, was the largest in the world. It had been built after the Maginot Line, and its designers had probably incorporated in it all the latest available ideas of fortress construction.

Its cost was enormous. Thousands of workmen were engaged on it—some of them, it has since been rumoured, came from Germany. At all events, in spite of the precautions taken to prevent the secrets of the fortress from becoming known to the potential enemy, subsequent history showed that the Germans were familiar with the construction of the fort.

A few hours after the invasion began the Germans attacked Eben-Emael. They attacked it in the one manner which had not been foreseen, or had not been thought practicable by the Belgian military engineers. They landed scores of parachutists on the roof of the fort.

No Ordinary Roof

Now this roof was no ordinary roof. It covered a land surface of forty hectares—about 100 acres.

When it was reported to the Belgian High Command, M. Pierlot told me, that German troops had landed on the fortress, batteries in the vicinity were ordered to turn their guns on the invaders. But by the use of smoke clouds the Germans evaded observation. And soon they had actually disappeared into the bowels of the fort.

After attacking the gun crews in the casemates, with tear gas and hand grenades, the Germans actually climbed down the long vertical shafts or chimneys which led from the gun casemates to the central munition magazine of the fort. They seized this magazine, and thus effectively put the guns out of action.

When the commandant of the fortress telephoned to the High Command to report this astonishing situation, he was instructed to blow up the magazine. This was done, and all the Germans were killed. But the explosion wrecked the entire central structure of the fort, and thus left it without any defences except the automatic arms in the pill-boxes on its periphery.

Fanatical Courage and Cunning

The moral of this amazing incident is that no defensive positions, however powerful, are entirely proof against surprise, fanatical courage, cunning and ingenuity, and the story should not be lost on those responsible for our anti-invasion defences.

M. Pierlot is fifty-seven years old. He fought in the last war in the Belgian infantry as a volunteer. It was his voice which announced to the Belgian nation—and severely condemned—the capitulation of the Belgian sovereign. He arrived in London at the end of October. He left unoccupied France two months earlier, with the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Henri Spaak, but their journey was interrupted by the Spanish authorities.

Detained In Spain

"We were detained for two months in Spain," said M. Pierlot, "in conditions for which no justification can be found in international law. But in spite of the close surveillance under which we were guarded, we managed to organize our escape."

M. Pierlot is the head of the second Belgian Government to function outside its native territory in a single generation. "This Government is the only legal Government of Belgium," he told me. "Its existence and its functions have never been suspended. We have never even contemplated the renunciation of our legal powers, by which the permanency of the Belgian State is assured.

"In the first phase of the struggle we experienced two great reverses. The first was the capitulation of the Belgian Army, which, after valiantly defending the national soil, foot by foot, found itself surrounded, and was forced by sheer weight of numbers to lay down its arms. The second was the French armistice, which rendered vain our hopes of reorganizing the remainder of the Belgian Army on French territory.

"Belgium is still at war with Germany.

"The capitulation of the Belgian Army in Flanders only affected the forces surrounded by the Germans. It is true that at their head as commander-in-chief was the sovereign. But since his surrender the king, as a prisoner of war, has abstained from any act of a political character. He has refused to compromise the principle of Belgian independence by exercising his royal functions in the presence and under the surveillance of the invader."

King Leopold's Action

Historians will judge King Leopold's action more dispassionately than is possible now. But, already it is clear that whatever their private verdict on the capitulation of the young king, many prominent Belgians have nothing but praise for his demeanour since he has been confined to his palace at Laeken as a prisoner of war.

"The king's attitude of protest," said M. Pierlot, "has been confirmed and ratified by the entire nation. Belgium is temporarily conquered, but she has not and will not submit to the will of the conqueror, and her spirit of resistance is as strong as in 1914.

"We remain at war with Germany, at the side of Great Britain and her Empire, and the Governments of those countries which, like ours, have been occupied by the Germans. Our army is not yet anything more than a nucleus, but it is full of ardour. Our airmen are flying with yours, and shortly will be organized as a distinct unit, with the national colours. Our merchant marine carries troops and supplies for the Allied cause, and our workmen are employed in British munition factories."

M. Pierlot revealed the interesting fact that a Belgian detachment—the first of many—has been sent from the Belgian Congo to fight with the South African forces in Kenya.

Incidentally, the Belgian Prime Minister is the first of the Allied statesmen to announce his war aims.

"Shall I tell you what they are?" he asked "The answer is simple:—

"The liberation of Belgium from the enemy, the release of her sovereign, the restoration of our free institutions. In one word, the conquest of a durable peace, more assured than that of yesterday: a peace which will guarantee our children a long era of freedom, work and security."

Silence in U.S. on Haiphong Incident

Washington, May 27.

United States officials were unusually silent yesterday regarding the reported incident at Haiphong in which Japanese officials seized a reported U.S. $10,000,000 worth of American-owned goods belonging to two American companies, while officials of the French Embassy told the United Press the seizue "was a minor development in a greatly-disturbed world."

The Embassy said it did not expect to have any announcement regarding the seizure and indicated that no protest by Vichy to Tokyo was expected.

American officials adopted an unruffled attitude and hinted there were some aspects to the situation which did not appear on the surface, perhaps because no full official report had been received.

Widespread attention was devoted to the incident by the U.S. press, and there was general anticipation it might lead to a tightening of the Far Eastern tension.

Some diplomatic quarters, however, speculated that the United States might not be willing at present to strain further the Far Eastern situation and others suggested that Washington might be waiting for a more propitious time to make a general statement centred around the incident.

Another possibility was that the seizure was of such small magnitude compared to other pending developments that the United States did not want to detract public attention from the main spectacle, which was President Roosevelt's fire-side speech tonight.

Retaliatory Measures

The "Washington Post" virtually demanded that the U.S. Government take retaliatory measures against Japan and not let the incident go by with only a verbal protest.

Declaring that the Japanese action was a "slap in the face" to the United States, the "Post" said "we ought to have run our flag into Singapore waters as soon as Japan came into Herr Hitler's new world order last September. But we let the shot ring around without a riposte.

"In these circumstances, Japanese leaders probably feel certain that we will avoid retaliatory measures on this occasion as well. Japan's present actions constitute a test. If the reaction of the United States takes the form of just another meaningless verbal protest, you can be sure Japan will go further and faster in the direction of making mince-meat out of our rights and interests in the Far East."

The seized goods were en route to China at the time Japan entered Indo-China last year and have been held there ever since, with the U.S. firms unable to trans-ship the goods. The Japanese seized the goods after previously asking the firms to hand over keys to the godowns in which they were stored. The firms refused this request.—United Press.

★Reinforcements Reach Crete

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reported to be in the neighbourhood.

It is now disclosed that British marines are fighting with the Allied forces.

The Greek Legation in London stated today that not all the Greek Ministers have left Crete with their King. The Ministers of the Interior, Labour, War and Air have remained behind to look after civilian and military affairs.

British Bombers Active

Heavy attacks by British bomber and fighter planes were again made on German positions and aircraft in Crete on Sunday and throughout the previous night stated yesterday's British Middle East communique.

The British R.A.F. communique said: "Heavy attacks by bomber and fighting aircraft of the R.A.F. were carried out yesterday (Sunday) and throughout the previous night on enemy positions and aircraft in Crete, particularly successful results being obtained.

"At least 24 enemy aircraft of all types were destroyed and a number of others badly damaged. The aerodrome at Malene and adjacent fields, which were being used as landing grounds for gliders and troop-carriers, were the principal targets. Bombs fell among a concentration of JU-52 troop-carriers causing great destruction and damage. One troop-carrier was hit while landing. Another was set on fire while taxiing. Fighters set fire to several other enemy aircraft. One transport carrier was shot down into Suda Bay. Photographs taken during the raids confirm that severe damage was done to the enemy aircraft."—Reuter.

Stefani Prediction

Rome, May 27.

The Italian news agency Stefani, commenting yesterday on the battle of Crete, said that the British will suffer greater naval losses than heretofore, seriously jeopardizing their sea power, if they persist in attempting to defend Crete from Axis air and naval attacks.

British naval losses and also the fact that the Germans succeeded in landing air-borne troops on Crete proved the superiority of Axis aviation and light naval craft over the powerful but heavy British Fleet, Stefani said.

The news agency added that new Axis tactics were destined to revolutionize modern warfare.—United Press.

Japan Warned to Prepare for Worst

Tokyo, May 27.

Warning the people to be prepared for the worst to come in the Pacific, Captain Hideo Hiraide, member of the Press Section of the Navy Ministry, in a nation wide radio speech, declared that "events are now taking place which cannot be discarded since every development has direct effect on developments in the Pacific."

Speculating on future developments in the Atlantic, Captain Hiraide said the "United States is now preparing to send warships to convoy merchant vessels for the purpose of carrying out her aid-to-Britain programme. Such an act naturally is being undertaken by the U.S. at the risk of entering into the War.

"Should the United States join in the war, Japan would be vitally affected. The Imperial Navy is always prepared to meet any eventuality, and more than 200 Japanese warships are now engaged in patrol duties along the entire China coast."

Captain Hiraide further asserted that there were "more than 300 additional warships together with a total of 4,000 aeroplanes stationed at various Japanese naval bases in the western Pacific ready to take up action at a moment's notice."

He predicted that in the event the United States will be involved in a war with Japan, she would most likely resort to "guerilla" warfare aimed at destroying Japan's trade routes. "However, the United States would not dare to attempt a Japan invasion," he declared.

Continuing his discussion regarding a hypothetical Japan-U.S. naval war, Captain Hiraide opined that the United States would be confronted with a difficult task if she wanted to blockade Japan by submarines and planes, because "there is a distance of more than 1,000 miles from the nearest American naval base to Tokyo Bay, and moreover, the number of submarines and warplanes which the U.S. can use in such a campaign against Japan will necessarily be limited."—Domei.

★De Valera Objects To Conscription

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Ireland and elsewhere would far outweigh any advantage to Great Britain. "We should ask ourselves however whether we are taking the steps best calculated to ward off conscription from the north and to secure a future that would be tolerable either for those in the north or for us."

The Labour leader, Mr. William Norton supported the protest against conscription.

Sir John Maffey, United Kingdom representative, was in the distinguished strangers gallery, and also Mr. E. J. Garland, acting Canadian High Commissioner.—Reuter.

Protest in N. Ireland

Belfast, May 27.

Mr. Andrews, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, who left London on Sunday, is expected to make a statement shortly on the outcome of the talks and this will probably coincide with a statement in Parliament by Mr. Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister.

During the week-end there were numerous protest meetings in Northern Ireland and yesterday the Irish Parliamentary Labour Party sent telegrams to Labour members of the British government saying that there was grave resentment at the threat to impose conscription and only bitterness and strife would result. They urged the British Labour representatives to use their influence to prevent "this act of aggression."—Reuter.

★Raeder Warning Condemned by Hull

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Mr. Early intimated that the President's address will be one of the most significant he has ever uttered. Asked whether President Roosevelt's previous words of caution to reporters, advising them not to assume the speech would be momentous or dynamic, still applied, Mr. Early replied "up to yesterday I would have repeated that warning. But the President will be engaged through today, tonight and tomorrow revising the speech in the light of rapidly changing conditions abroad."

Mr. Early did not specify what conditions were changing abroad but his words followed a question concerning the sinking of H.M.S. Hood. He also indicated that no U.S. patrols were in the vicinity of the sinking, off Greenland.

President Roosevelt cancelled his regular conference with legislative leaders, and Mr. Early said that the President was devoting "more time to this speech than I have ever known him to do before."—United Press.

DR. Yakei Ito, Professor of China Medical University and Dr. Shoichi Yanagida, Professor of Tokyo Imperial University in Japan, arrived in Shanghai on Monday, in the ss. Kamakura Maru, in order to inspect medical conditions in Central China, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports.

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New Era Dawns In Occupied Norway

A remarkable document has been smuggled out of Norway. In it a woman, aged seventy, risks Nazi reprisals—she still lives in Oslo—by pouring the most bitter scorn on German rule.

Ella Anker is her name. Her husband, a shipbuilder, died recently. He was a friend of King Haakon, at whose side he was during the fighting in Norway.

The document, printed in one of the secret patriot papers which the Nazis, in spite of their efforts, cannot suppress, is a letter to Olga Bjoner, the most hated woman in Norway.

Olga Bjoner is president of the women's section of the Farmers' Association. She has gone over to the Quislings. No other leading member of the association has turned traitor.

"Never before have Norwegians stood so united as today," writes Mrs. Anker. "Never has Norway been so deeply loved; never has England been so deeply esteemed as today, when every peasant and every worker listens to the London broadcasts as he does to his own heart-beat.

"A new era indeed!

A Country's Ideals

"When Norwegians help the enemy to destroy our free institutions and all Christian ideals.

"When Norwegians help the enemy to set aside the free rule of the people which had raised our country to the greatest spiritual height in its history and to a position of material well-being beyond all expectations.

"When Norwegians help the enemy to enforce a new order against the people's will, with the support of the German bayonets, with imprisonment and threats and torture of our countrymen.

"Gestapo!

"Most Painful"

"A Government which claims to be working for Norway's freedom and independence, but which in fact takes away the freedom of the people, kills the people's soul, destroys the free Supreme Court, threatens the free universities, schools, and colleges, and seeks to crush our people into the same Prussian mould which has transformed the country of Goethe into an Asiatic slave State.

"This is what you dare to offer to our great people.

"Most painful of all is to see the traitors cover their work of tyranny and destruction with the cloak of St. Olav, and hand over our sacred possessions to the Quislingist rogue's comedy with its rabble.—"Sunday Express."

★Bismarch Sent To Its Doom

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"Ship incapable of manoeuvre. We will fight to the last shell. Long live the Führer."

German Account

This was the report flashed from the Bismarck to the German High Command by the Chief of the fleet, Admiral Luetjens, before the German warship went to her doom. The German account of the Bismarck's engagement, as given by the official German news agency, follows:—"The Bismarck, in her first battle against superior British forces, sank the Hood and damaged the King George V. She also had her own speed reduced by a hit forward. A torpedo hit during an air attack on May 24 again reduced the speed of the vessel.

Four hundred sea miles west of Brest on May 26, toward nine o'clock in the evening, the Bismarck was again hit by two aerial torpedoes which broke a screw and the rudder." About three hours later, Admiral Luetjens sent a message to the German High Command as quoted above.

The German news agency adds:—"Fighting against enemy naval forces which were gradually being reinforced, the Bismarck continued fighting until finally on May 27 she went down before superior forces."—Reuter.

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Adm. Yukishita Says Hood Sinking "Ill Luck"

Tokyo, May 27.

Rear Admiral Katsumi Yukishita, the foremost Japanese expert on foreign navies and former captain of the battleship Nagato, yesterday characterized as "ill luck" the sinking of H.M.S. Hood.

The German battleship Bismarck, Admiral Yukishita said, apparently was obliged to open fire because of the Hood's obstinate chasing tactics.

Because the German navy is "no match" for the British in frontal encounters, Admiral Yukishita said, "there is little chance the two navies will ever meet in a decisive battle."

Admiral Yukishita, however, said that the German submarine flotilla underwent severe winter training and perfected positive guerilla operations which now are underway. Britain's naval power, "which once ruled over the seven seas, will steadily wane" as a result, Admiral Yukishita said.—United Press.

Economic Warfare Branch in Singapore

Singapore, May 27.

With the establishment of a branch of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare at Singapore, it is expected that Great Britain will wage economic warfare in the Far East with all the vigour at her command. It is expected that attention will be given to the prevention of materials needed by Germany from being shipped to Europe via Vladivostok.

It is known that British and German trade agents, the latter helped by the Japanese, are waging ceaseless economic battles in the Far East. The Singapore Ministry will also establish close liaison with other Far Eastern centres, where similar activity is expected.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Signs Army, Defence Bills

Washington, May 27.

President Roosevelt yesterday signed the US$228,601,828 army and civil functions appropriation bill for 1942 and the urgent deficiency bill providing US$174,409,630 for defence, housing and other preparedness projects.—United Press.

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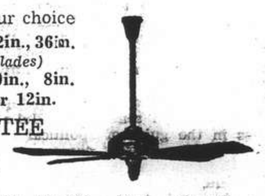
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Voluntary War Contribution Fund Reaches £7,400

THE substantial total of more than £7,400 for the month ending on June 15, was reached on Monday, May 26, by the Voluntary War Contribution Fund. While it is hoped that further contributions will be sent in from British companies from their last year's working, most of these already have been received and for some time to come the Fund will have to rely principally on personal donations. In order to maintain the splendid totals of past months, Britons here must exert every personal effort for the common cause.

Subscriptions should be sent to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank or to the Chartered Bank for account of the Voluntary War Contribution Fund. The further lists of subscriptions received up to May 26, follow:—

DOLLAR ACCOUNT

Subscriptions received since last list	$231,637
Transferred to Sterling since last list	$231,637
	Nil.

STERLING ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward	£21,100
Subscriptions received since last list	3,207
Transferred from $ a/c since last list	3,174
	£27,482
Less remittance to H.M. Treasury 16/5/41	£20,000
Balance carried forward	£ 7,482

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Tribute Paid to Mr. L. C. Healey

The headmasters and teachers of the Council's secondary and primary schools gave a dinner on Saturday at the Hotel Pacific in honour of Mr. L. C. Healey, retiring Superintendent of Education, S.M.C. The function, attended by nearly three hundred people, was the greatest fete in the history of the Education Department. Mr. K. S. Huang, Chairman of the Educational Committee of the S.M.C. Chinese Staff Association, presided, and spoke highly of the valuable service Mr. Healey has done in educating the youth of this city. In making the presentation, which consisted of a Chinese painting and a pamphlet with the names of those present, he said:

Thirty Years' Service

"Mr. L. C. Healey has served in the Shanghai Municipal Council for thirty years. At first he taught at the Public School for Chinese until 1917, when the Council established the present Polytechnic Public School for Chinese. He participated in the organizing work of that school and later was made the headmaster. As a result of his fine work, the school grew so rapidly that soon an up-to-date, spacious building was erected in place of the original one-storeyed structure. But a much greater achievement awaited him. In the winter of 1929 he was appointed to the post of Superintendent of Education in the S.M.C., and was entrusted with the care and charge of all the Municipal schools in the International Settlement.

This new post certainly gratified his long-cherished desire to provide large-scale culture and education for the children of both Chinese and foreign rate-payers. His work has been magnificent. He has added to the number of schools that existed one secondary school for Chinese girls and more than ten primary schools; he has had the supervision of the work and equipment of many private schools in the Settlement and conferred on them grants-in-aid; he has provided scholarships to encourage and assist promising but needy students—to mention only a few of his chief accomplishments.

Inspiration to Subordinates

As a person Mr. Healey is an affable and scholarly gentleman, respected by all. Those who have worked under him found him so genial and inspiring that they feel like the proverbial 'basking in the winter-sun', and rejoice in the service."

In replying Mr. Healey thanked the gathering for the gifts, and also modestly attributed the credit for improvements to the members of the Education Board, of whom he specially mentioned Mr. L. T. Yuan, the Rev. G. W. Sheppard, Mr. Yulin Hsu, and the late Dr. Herman C. E. Liu. In conclusion, he read out a list of present teachers who have served on the staff for more than twenty-five years.

Welcome to the New Officers

The chairman then welcomed, on behalf of all those present, Mr. H. G. Huckstep, Dr. H. S. Chen and Dr. Eugene Shen, the newly-appointed Superintendent, Chief and Assistant Chinese Education Officers, respectively, who each made a speech to bring the function to a satisfactory close.

7,000 Involved in Labour Disputes

The determination of some employers in Shanghai not to give in to the demands of their workers has caused several strikes to be broken in the past two weeks, with the strikers, in the majority of the cases, resuming work pending negotiations with their managers. The dispute at the Wei Lee gentlemen's tailor shop, however, had a different end.

The manager of the establishment, which is in Nanking Road, was firm in his stand not to allow his workers rule him and refused to grant their demands. His employees on the other hand would not continue without increases to their pay and allowances. The end came on Monday when the tailors, twenty in number, resigned en masse.

Not to be outdone by this, the manager simply hired a new staff and the shop continues with its business as if nothing had happened. No incidents, so frequent when strike-breakers are hired, have been reported so far.

Labour disputes have so far involved almost every sort of business in Shanghai and the smallest strike, as far as numbers are concerned, was declared at the Shanse Theatre on Monday afternoon when three operators refused to continue with their work unless given an increase in rice allowance. No other employees of the cinema are affected.

All the other strikes remained without change, involving about 7,000 workers, the concerns being Patons and Baldwins, the Commercial Press, Woo Woo Weaving factories, small Chinese garages, painting establishments and dyeing works.

THE Department of Agriculture and Forestry of the Kwangtung Provincial Government has decided to establish a fertilizer factory, with a capital of $40,000, in northern Kwangtung next month, a Shiukwan report to the "Shun Pao" reveals. The machinery will be installed by the China Industrial Co-operative, the report adds. The fertilizer, which will be in powder form, will be manufactured from animal bones. After a month the factory is expected to have produced no less than 70 piculs of fertilizer daily, the report states.

West Area Police Officer Killed

Personal grudge was believed to have inspired the assassination of Sub-Inspector Ying Tseh-ching of the Western Shanghai Area Special Police Force at 11.55 a.m. yesterday, when an unidentified gunman fired a volley of shots just as his victim was alighting from a car outside Lane 11 Wenchow Road. A pedestrian, who happened to be near the scene of crime, was wounded by a stray bullet and succumbed to his injuries at the Paulun Hospital soon after his admission there.

It appears that the deceased was returning home from duty at the time of the assassination. Arriving at the lane, the victim got out of the car and intended to proceed to his home at No. 4, when the gunman, apparently waiting for him, pressed the trigger, firing several shots and wounding him in the head and body.

Sub-Insp. Ying slumped to the ground, while only a few steps away another man fell, with a bullet in his chest. The crime was witnessed by some passers-by, but the assassin, still brandishing his pistol, managed to escape before the arrival of the police.

Both victims were taken to Paulun Hospital in an S.F.B. emergency ambulance and both died at the hospital soon after being admitted there.

No Traces Found

Detectives from Sinza police station were on the scene of the crime soon after the assassination and a search was carried out, but no traces of the gunman were found. It was believed, however, that politics had nothing to do with the assassination and the fact that the man had joined the Western Area police was not thought to be a sufficient motive for the crime. On the other hand, it was said that the late Sub-Insp. Ying might have been killed by some criminals whom he had dealt with in line of duty.

The deceased, before his service with the Western Area police, was with the Shanghai Municipal Police for several years, both in the C.I.D. and uniform branches. He resigned from the Settlement police in 1939 and later joined the other police force.

Tuesday Evening Club Closes Session

At the closing meeting of the session, the members of the Union Church Tuesday Evening Club and their guests had the privilege of hearing various aspects of "Aeronautics" discussed by Mr. F. J. Sanger M.Sc. A. FR. AE. S.

Taking into consideration the nature of his audience and the various professions represented, the speaker did not attempt to compass a subject of such magnitude in the limited time at his disposal, but left the members free to bring forward for elucidation whatever point might appeal to each individual.

The opening barrage of questions was directed to the changes in design; the reason for the switch over from tri-plane and bi-plane to monoplane; and the design and construction of wings and wing span. The lecturer was afforded an opportunity not only of answering the questions but of explaining how some of the difficulties had been overcome.

New Alloys Used

He described how fabric had been replaced by metal as new alloys were discovered, and how research had enabled new designs of wing to be brought into being, principally owing to girder construction.

Although the bi-plane was not altogether on the scrap heap, as it had the advantage of a lower speed achieving the same lifting capacity, the monoplane was faster in general flight, much easier to maintain and had no wires to be tensioned.

Airships although perhaps the most economical means of transport by air were not popular because of the disastrous history of this particular type of machine.

The auto-gyro also was not popular because of prejudice and its comparative ineffectiveness in war, although such machines are attractive aerodynamically.

Chinese Charged With Murdering Uncle

A Chinese faced the First Special District Court yesterday charged with murdering his uncle, Tong Tze-lin, whose body recently was found by the authorities in the Whangpoo River. He denied that he had participated in the crime in any way but he was remanded in custody until June 3.

Trouble developed in the Tong family recently when another uncle of the accused was alleged to have tried to give his property to the deceased, despite the fact that the accused had been adopted as the son of the other uncle. As the adopted son, accused argued that he was entitled to receive the property and he was alleged to have threatened to kill the would-be receiver of the property.

There was a heated dispute over the question in the Tong residence at House No. 61 San Ta Loong, North Fokien Road on April 16. The next day, Tong Tze-lin disappeared and Tong's wife suspected that the nephew who had quarrelled with Tong might have instigated somebody to murder her husband. She reported to the police who arrested the nephew. It was alleged in court that an inquest revealed that the deceased might have been killed before being thrown into the Whangpoo.

C.P.C Rescues Boy, Arrests Kidnapper

An attempt made by three kidnappers to abduct Ching Wu-ching, seven-year old son of a shroff of a German firm, yesterday morning was foiled by the youngster, who attracted the attention of a Chinese constable and thus obtained his own freedom and the arrest of one of the gang.

The boy was kidnapped at the corner of Sinza and Seymour Roads at 8 a.m. yesterday and was being carried away by one of the abductors along Sinza Road. Seeing a policeman on duty some few steps away, the boy shouted for help.

The criminals took to flight and were pursued by the C.P.C., who managed to catch up with the man who was carrying the boy. Taken to the Bubbling Well station, the arrested man readily confessed his participation in the kidnapping, saying that he had been without a job for the past four years. The other two kidnappers escaped, but hopes were expressed for their early arrest.

S.M.C. Sign Shown But Inferior Rice Sold

Found guilty of selling an inferior kind of rice while hanging the Shanghai Municipal Council signboard for selling the official Hongkong rice, Wang Shiu-cheng, manager of the Sing Ta Rice Shop at 275 North Kiangsi Road was fined $300 yesterday in the First Special District Court. The Settlement police are also investigating the Yu Cheng Kung Rice Shop in Alcock Road for the same offence and a hearing of this case will be held tomorrow by Judge Meng.

M.C.L. Fun Fair Stallholder

Mrs. J. D. Hutchison will run the Sweet Stall at the Ministering Children's League Fun Fair at the Race Club on May 31. She will be assisted by the ladies of the British Emoassy, Court and Consulate.

Nantao Blockade Relaxed

Relaxing their blockade restrictions in Nantao, Japanese military authorities yesterday finally reopened the iron gates which separate the Chinese city from the French Concession, thus allowing hundreds of stranded persons to go freely between the native district and foreign areas. The situation was, however, still uncertain because reports were circulated that unless the actual assassins of the Japanese gendarme who was killed several days ago in Nantao are arrested there would be no real relaxation of the blockade precautions. The gates remained open up to yesterday afternoon after they had been closed for several days.

Numerous residents in foreign areas who were visiting Nantao at the time when the gates were suddenly closed were able to return to their homes, while those stranded in the foreign areas were able to return to their Nantao homes. By interviewing those who returned from Nantao it was brought to light that extensive looting had been going on in the native city, bad characters having made full use of the tense situation arising from the big search during which Nantao residents, especially those living near the scene of the murder in Fu Yu Road, were said to have been forced out from their homes.

Gangsters' Paradise

Gangsters and wharf thieves operating along the French Nantao Bund had found their way into the homes of the panic-stricken people and stolen anything they could get hold of. Many Settlement residents who went to Nantao prior to the blockade, carrying only pocket money with them, had to go hungry for more than 24 hours in most cases, and their fate was shared by many gamblers who had lost every cent in the various establishments in the Chinese city. They resorted to pawning clothing and other personal belongings, but soon the pawnshops closed business, fearing that they might be preyed upon by gangsters and robbers, it was said. It was also learned that prices of commodities in Nantao were still very high yesterday.

American Hospital for Refugees Expands

The American Hospital for Refugees, because of increasing demands for beds, opens another ten beds for free patients this month. This gives the hospital a capacity of 300 beds.

In April babies and children under fourteen occupied 100 beds and the remaining 200 were divided almost equally between men and women.

Receipts from patients cover less than 8 per cent. of the cost of maintenance. The remaining 92 per cent., or $300,000, must come from relief organizations and charitably inclined individuals.

In April 664 patients were given 6,546 days of free hospitalization. Over 7,000 free treatments were given in the Out Patient Department and 6,939 free prescriptions filled.

No Deadlock in S.M.C. Chinese Talks

The negotiations between the Shanghai City Government and the Shanghai Municipal Council over the question of municipal taxes in extra-Settlement roads are proceeding apace and have not reached a deadlock, it was learned from an authoritative source yesterday.

The Nanking-sponsored "Central Press Service" stated on Monday that the Council's desire to nominate "a part of the staff" for tax collection is being opposed and has been characterized as an infringement on the sovereign rights of China.

Marshal Petain Firm Against Nazi Pressure and Intrigue

BY KINNETH DOWNS, I.N.S. CORRESPONDENT

Lisbon, May 26.

OLD Marshal Petain is undoubtedly one of the most remarkable men of these times. At 84 he is trying to perform a job that would tax the capacities of any mental physical Hercules in his prime. He has no illusions. He knows that the German avalanche can slide down on him at any time and that there is not a thing in the world that he can do to hold it off.

But he is clinging to the position he took when he signed the Armistice. The avalanche can sweep him away, but he won't be budged by mere threats of being swept away. France is out of the war: she will stay out as long as he is ruler.

It took no little courage to break German-backed Pierre Laval when the latter was obviously trying to lead France back into the war against her former ally, England.

One of the leading foreign envoys attached to Vichy told me: "There is only one completely patriotic Frenchman, who puts the interests of his country before all else, in Vichy, as far as I have been able to find. That is the Marshal."

"Too Tragic and Too Comic"

That is the general opinion of outside observers in Vichy. There are other decent, patriotic Frenchmen in the capital, but they are rare exceptions in the hosts of self-seeking, futile politicians who overflow the town. Were it not for the Marshal, the tragic-comedy would be at once too tragic and too comic for words.

Marshal Petain's closest advisers are not professional politicians. They are Dr. Bernard Menetrel, bright-eyed, 34-year-old physician, who is constantly at his side and who sleeps in a room adjoining the Marshal's at the Hotel Du Parc; M. Dumoulin de La Barthete, a highly cultured man who was attached to the French Embassy in Madrid, and General Laure, who served under the Marshal in the World War and commanded the Eighth Army in the last war.

Dr. Menetrel, slick, dashing, energetic, handsome, is probably closer to the Marshal than anyone. His father was Gen. Petain's personal physician and lifelong friend. Young Menetrel succeeded him upon his father's death ten years ago. He is not a politician, but undoubtedly has a good deal to do with short circuiting some who wish to see the Marshal and making it easy for others. He is an oldfashioned Frenchman, anti-English, anti-German, anti-Jewish, anti-foreign. He had a good deal to do with Laval's ouster.

M. Dumoulin De La Barthete is neither anti-English nor anti-Semitic as are so many of the Vichy people. He is in disfavour with the Germans and is expected to follow Peyrouton, Alibert and others to oblivion one of these days. Meantime he heads the Marshal Petain's aides.

General Laure is Secretary-General of the Marshal's staff as Chief of State. He was captured during the war, released by the Germans upon the personal intervention of the executive.

Red Tape in Vichy

The Marshal Petain is the law in France. He alone can sign a decree. Some of the flood of decrees that are turned out daily are his own. But most of them, naturally, are drawn up and "sold" to him by various members of the Government.

A good part of these decrees are presented to further the personal ambitions of their authors, many of whom strive for new ideas to please him. As a result, red tape is piling up in France as it never has before. One decree follows another. One annuls another. It is all so easy: just the stroke of a pen.

One day M. Alibert, when he was Minister of Justice, had a brain wave as he was coming down the lift of the hotel—a courts-martial for De Gaullists and Black Bourse operators. That ought to please the old gentleman, who had been a little pettish that day. M. Alibert dictated the law as he came down, completing it in the lobby and taking it at once for the Marshal's signature. It rang the bell. That's how the court martial at Gannat was born.

In a similarly impetuous manner, and in equally fast time, the National Assembly was created. The National Assembly, which has the ostensible function of meeting from time to time at the Marshal's summons, to discuss affairs of state and make recommendations, but without power, has never met. It never will meet, according to insiders.

The war-guilt trials at Riom are slipping steadily out of the picture. Only four of the original defendants remain as prisoners. They are MM. Daladier, Gamelin, Reynaud and Blum. Four Chief Judges have resigned so far. Insiders think this trial will never come to an end.

Vichy presents an incredibly dreary scene. It is as though everyone realized that nothing much that is done there counts. The constant political intrigues and shakeups have little significance for anyone except those directly involved.

The majority have no deep convictions about the war. They are merely waiting to get on the side of the winner, and they blow hot and cold according to the way they think the war is going. Mostly that is in favour of Germany, because the heavily censored press is careful to give every break to axis news and play down stories from England and America. President Roosevelt's speeches are always well watered down. The isolationists are played up.

Food Ever-Present Problem

Food is the ever-present problem and nightmare of the Vichy Government. Unoccupied France is not self-supporting. She must look to a relaxed blockade for food imports, or the favour of the Germans so that food can be shipped down from the north. There will be a real shortage next winter, despite more severe rationing now in progress.

The Germans continue to take food out of the region in their great lorries that travel by night. I have seen them rumbling along the roads even in the Herault region, which is one of the poorest. They also seize part of the food imports that come into Marseilles.

The French don't like to talk about concentration camps. But there are several of them now. There are now 40,000 in the famous camp at Argeles, 20,000 of them Spaniards who have been there since the end of the Spanish War. Some fifteen to twenty thousand are now interned. The charge is usually Communism, but that covers De Gaullists and others. Many Jews are interned.

The worst camp is at Gures. There, some 10,000 concentration camp inmates mostly Jews from the Palatinate, were unloaded on unoccupied France in December.

Italian Prisoners In Australia

Sydney, May 27.

The first contingent of Italian prisoners has arrived at Sydney and has been sent to a camp in the country.—Reuter.

Gambling Dens to Close—C. C. Pan

"There will be no more gambling houses in the Western District after May 31," said Mr. C. C. Pan, Commissioner of the Western Shanghai Area Police Force, when contacted yesterday afternoon after his return from Nanking. All the establishments in the area will be ordered to close on that day, he said, adding that, if this order is disobeyed, he and Mr. J. B. Clissold, Deputy Commissioner of the new police force, will go personally to the places and arrest their owners.

The closure of gambling dens in the Western area had been talked about since the inauguration of the new police force some two months ago, but the actual date had been put off on several occasions. A month ago, questioned about the steps to be taken with regard to suppression of gambling in the district, Mr. Pan referred newspapermen to Mayor Chen Kung-po.

The decision to close down the dens came about during Mr. Pan's stay in Nanking, where he obtained full sanction from the Wang Ching-wei government to act in this connection.

No restrictions, however, will be placed on cabarets in the district and they will be allowed to remain open up to the same hour as at present.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Phyllis M. Slater

Her many friends in Shanghai will learn with regret of the death at Redhill, Surrey, of Mrs. Phyllis M. Slater, wife of Mr. Arthur W. Slater, formerly Far Eastern Manager for the Scottish Union & National Insurance Company. Mrs. Slater spent eleven years in Shanghai and will be remembered as one of the members of the "Sparklets" Concert Party who entertained the Forces during the years 1927 and 1928.

Her death from heart failure following influenza at the early age of 41 will be greatly regretted and sympathy will be extended to her husband and to her daughter Marian. The funeral took place at Redstone Cemetery, Redhill on March 5 and was attended by many sorrowing relatives and friends.

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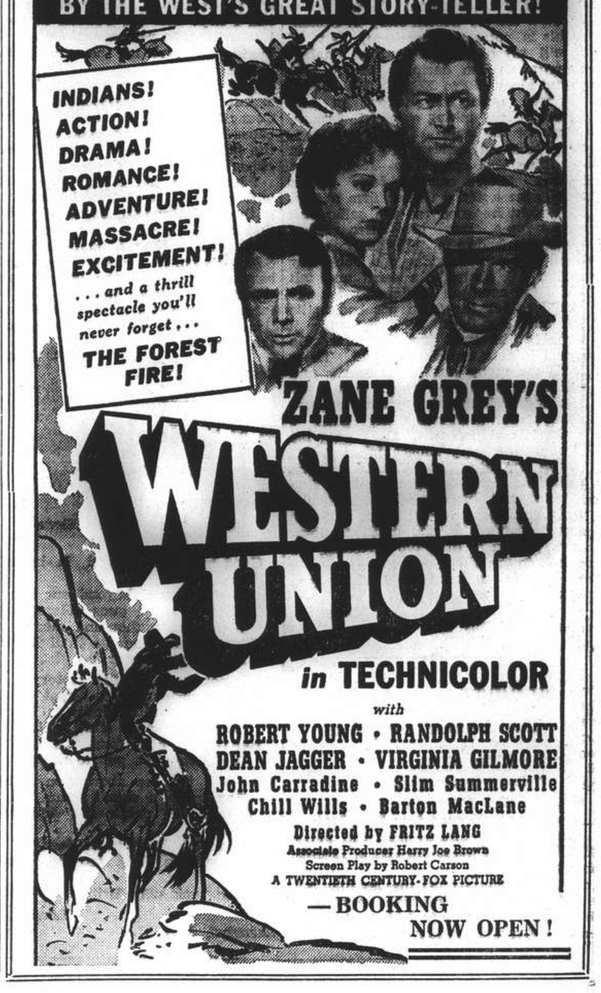

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130,301,125	Assets	135,686,105
48,604,501	New Business	49,390,099
2,650,892	Surplus earned	2,554,991
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Misused Letter:

An Unfair Criticism

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—I wonder if CALEDONIA is a Scots chap. We are not grumblers as a rule. His criticism of XCDN is, I judge, unfair. There are a few things that mark a good radio station. Clear articulation, and on this point XCDN's announcer is very good. I am Scottish myself, but I have no difficulty in understanding what the announcer is saying. If I were to speak at XCDN's "mike" in Glasgow Scots with a brogue one could cut with a knife, no one but a Glasgow man or woman would know what I was talking about. Other good features of XCDN are, there is little or no carelessness, handling recordings, i.e. a double sound coming from accumulating dust on the turning table or recording. Dust usually lies at an angle at 45 degrees and it is quite easy for the needle to take dust along with it. Then, when the needle has worked its way off the sound track of the record, there is no slapping sound, because the attendant is elsewhere and allowing the recording to go round with the noise I have indicated. That itself I judge spoils many good broadcasts here in Shanghai. If I were adjudicating I would give winning points for these things. Incidentally the news announcer doesn't use any brogue either. I am not giving him a pat on the back. I know nobody cares a hoot for that.

In conclusion, I am giving CALEDONIA a little test in reading. I am writing this in Scotch. I would be interested if any lady or gentleman from, we will say, Devon, Sussex, London, York, Cumberland for that matter, can decipher this. My experience has been when English folk hear Scotch for the first time it hits them right in the eye. I have a little niece born in London, well, my sister speaks the same way as I do, but I could never get her to understand me when I spoke Scotch to her (the little girl I mean). I paid her a visit, incidentally, in 1935.

Now for my Scotch story in Scotch. This is not a competition, but if we'll say a London or any English gentleman can decipher this, I will send along $50 to XCDN's War Fund. I will send the dollars in any case. I am taking a deep breath, now for the bump. I know you English lads and lassies will get some fun spelling this out. Now—Jock Broon wis a Glesea cairter, Jock cairtct coals tae a sonsy Glesea firm a' day. Et nicht he gaed tae the oaffice tae spies fur a wee bit siller. There wis nae buddy in bit the boss his sell. The boss widna gie Jock ony siller bit gied him a caird and telt him tae come on Wednesday tae the Ca'dora fur the furm wis haeing its Annual Bun-fight. Jock didna like it ane bit, he went just the same. He goat intae a muddle a nicht. There wis sae mony knifes and foarks and different soarts o food. Jock wis going tae fecht the waiter because the waiter gied him a big glass o whuskey et the stert. Only wey, tae cut a lang story shoart, when it wis a'din the boss asked Jock hoo he like it. How did Jock ken? "I like it fine, sur, bit hoo wis a tae ken I wis guzzlin artifeecial floors?" Some wag chopped up the artificial flowers, put on a little top dressing, a Jock to try them.

Do you understand? I know you do.

SCOTTY.

Shanghai, May 24.

Gambing:

The Avenue Haig Den

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—May I be allowed space in your paper to report on the disgraceful state of affairs that the police allow at the gambling den at Avenue Haig.

I am referring to the terrible row that goes on every night, crowds of rickshaw coolies and chow men are shouting and bawling all night. Sleep is impossible. Why is this allowed? It's beyond one's comprehension to think that the police allow this. What do we pay rates for, if not for law and some sort of order?

Before this den was opened a rickshaw was not even allowed to stand in that part of Avenue Haig. Many a rickshaw I've seen taken to Bubbling Well Station and fined, now crowds are there shouting all night long. It's impossible to sleep, and now that one has to have windows open the noise will be worse than ever.

What excuse have the police for allowing this state of affairs? As I'm writing this letter, the noise coming from that direction is like Bedlam It's past 12 o'clock (midnight), cars are tooting, rickshaw coolies rowing, quite a delightful noise, no one interferes, so the rumpus goes merrily on.

We hear so much about our hard-worked police, would it be such a hardship to have one policeman there to keep order to enable us ratepayers to get a night's sleep, occasionally? An answer from the Police Department, would be interesting. Hoping something can be done in the matter.

M. A.

Shanghai, May 25.

The Rice Sales:

Gratitude of a Chinese

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will kindly let me have a few lines in your esteemed paper in connection with the bona fide generosity, which was shown by the Settlement authorities concerned in purchasing of foreign rice to distribute to the various rice shops in the city to settle the unprecedented price of rice during the hard time.

For the time being, in spite of the serious situation, in order to cope with hoarders of vital food, the Council's authorities will still buy the staples with energy to relieve the rice situation. That's very good, and I hope that the Council authorities will take permanent action in buying the rice for the city in the future.

I, and everybody else now beg to express our deep appreciation to the Council authorities concerned, because this is a very good action to the public especially to the Chinese citizens of Shanghai.

I hope that the S.M.C. authorities will spend a lot of time in devotion to the food situation, because I think that it is their office duty also. And at the same time I hope that the S.M.C. authorities concerned do their best to discuss with the Japanese authorities concerned, who are also affected by the restriction, to facilitate the importation of vital food from the interior.

K. S. DAN.

Shanghai, May 25.

H.M.S. Hood:

A Valedictory

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—

Good-bye brave Hood, in battle's haze,
You've passed beyond our ken
In line of duty, guns ablaze,
With nigh a thousand men;
Your loss our courage shall inspire
And stimulate our ire.

'Tis not alone through victory
Britannia's name is Great,
Both glory and adversity
With equal calm she'll wait;
Her seamen ne'er forsake a fight
While stands a gun to sight.

So o'er the sea above you rolled
You made a signal clear,
"Defend, till death, the land we hold
Than life itself more dear."
Farewell dear lads who share your rest
You rank with Britain's best.

LOCHIEL.

Shanghai, May 27.

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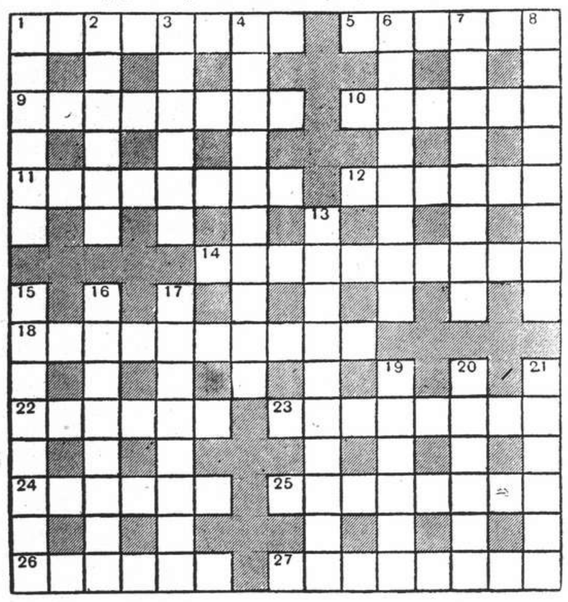


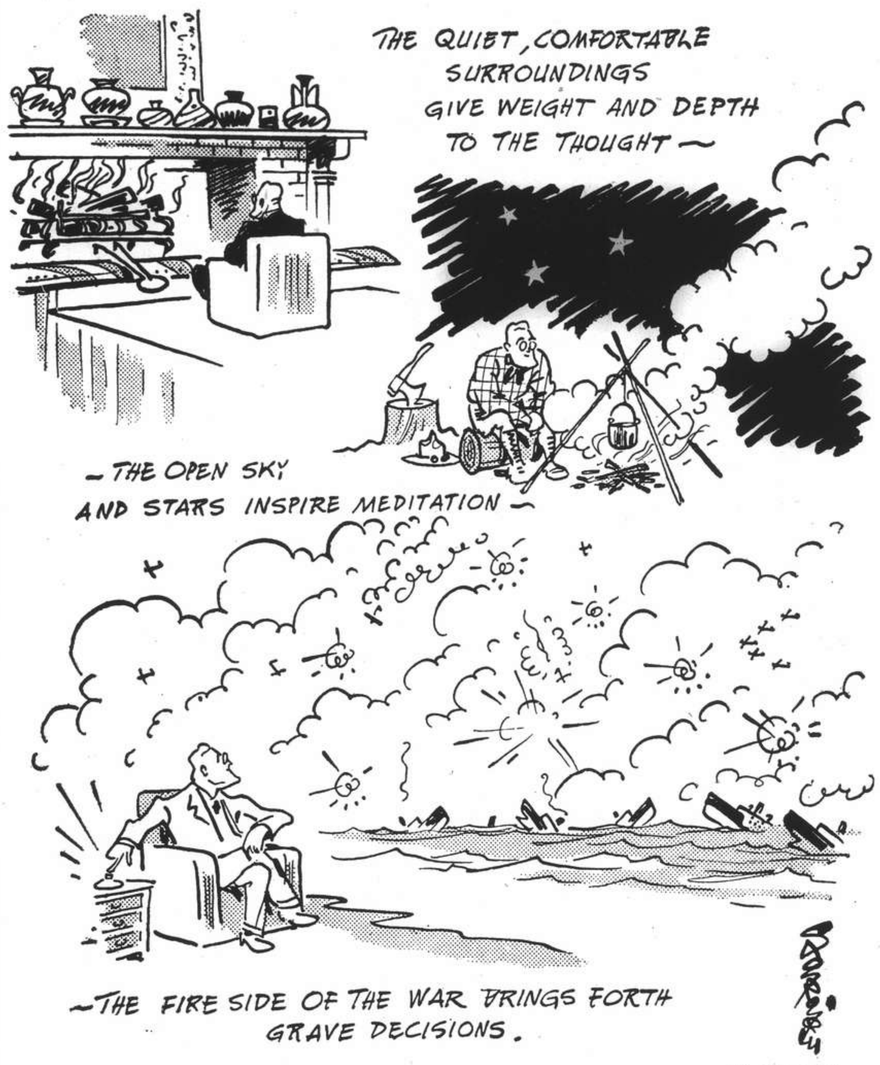
ACROSS

1 Is this the process used for illustrating the motor manufacturer's catalogue? (8)
5 Describes the thread of a screw (6)
9 Confusion caused by Ray raids (8)
10 Part of a flower (6)
11 Undergraduates who have been this are marked men (8)
12 The sudden spring made mostly by head of 8 down (6)
14 Suitable weapon to go with a cardboard shield? (10)
18 "No hemp? None." (anag.) (10)
22 Tells a Scot what to use on the roads (6)
23 Pause to make buttons stay put (8)
24 One end of a long line shows us in school (6)
25 "One medal" (anag.) (8)
26 Suitable present to give to a member of a rescue party (6)
27 At the races these are either human or equine (8)

DOWN

1 He is likely to wander for a change (6)
2 Famous Dutch discoverer (6)
3 In spite of their name these races are very lively (6)
4 Does this railwayman help the dining-car attendants? (10)
6 Early literary efforts (8)
7 "Coin mart" (anag.) (8)
8 Describes that sharp-sighted caddie who never loses a ball (8)
13 The demeanour that suggests banishment (10)
15 Clean as the white billiard ball (8)
16 Tit for tat (8)
17 "Some coat" (anag.) (8)
19 Some noise! (6)
20 The harm that might affect an irrigation system (6)
21 Royal uprisings for the loyal (6)

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—**ACROSS**: 1, White Knight; 9, Homer; 10, Encumbrance; 11, Works; 12, Fame; 14, Elegy; 18, Civic; 19, Lambeth; 20, Thine; 21, Adder; 22, Slacker; 23, Irish; 24, Downs; 27, Stye; 29, Geese; 31, Wirepullers; 32, Lucre; 33, Shallowness. **DOWN**: 2, Henna; 3, Taube; 4, Keble; 5, Inane; 6, Thew; 7, Improvident; 8, Dress circle; 12, Farthingale; 13, Munificence; 15, Lumbago; 16, Gherkin; 17, Flesh; 18, Chary; 25, Wheel; 26, Scudo; 27, Salon; 28, Yorks; 30, Ewes.



The Fireside Chats

Tsingtao:

A Canard Refuted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—As a permanent resident of Tsingtao, I feel induced to contend the accuracy of certain statements which have been published recently, dealing with conditions in that community.

It is said that rates charged by boarding houses in Tsingtao are varying between 35 and 40 Federal Reserve Dollars a day, which is far from truth, as accommodation with full board is currently available in first-class guest houses at exactly half this price. I strongly doubt whether evidence could be provided as to such high a charge having ever been made by any Tsingtao boarding house.

Nor does it correspond to the facts that vacationists are being unnecessarily molested by local police authorities, unless, of course, they are suspected of being engaged in some sort of illegal trafficking.

I think it would serve the public interest if this dementi could be given some space in your valued publication.

(MRS.) B. GOTTLIEB.

Tsingtao, May 27.

Religion:

Some Writings Suggested

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—Apropos the not infrequently appearing discourses on religion in your esteemed journal I should like to recommend to the attention of the interested the writings of Franklin Warren Sears, a not generally known American philosopher.

Any one who can read an unusual statement and not see red may find in these writings what has heretofore eluded his search.

I. E. HARMONY.

Shanghai, May 25.

European Food Supplies Reported Sufficient

Washington, May 27.

The Department of Agriculture reported yesterday that despite shortages in some essential commodities, food supplies for continental Europe were sufficient to maintain rationing systems now current and prevent serious distress.

Reporting on the situation in Germany, the department declared that "the food problem is not likely in the near future to become critical. The war has not as yet interfered with agricultural production" because of large reserves accumulated before the war and as a result of requisitioning from conquered countries.

The situation in Italy was said to be less favourable because of army demands and the fact Italy has less reserves than Germany.—United Press.

Nazis Examining All Zamzam Passengers

Berlin, May 27.

German authorized sources here yesterday said that investigation of passengers' credentials of the ill-fated Egyptian steamer Zamzam was continuing.

No decision has yet been made concerning permitting women, children and "genuine missionaries" to continue their journey, it was said. No protest has been received from the United States concerning American passengers on the vessel.—United Press.

Thai Premier May Go to Japan

Bangkok, May 27.

The Thai Premier, Major-General Pibula Songgram, may go to Japan after the national day celebrations on June 26, according to the well-informed Thai daily "Pramuenwan"—Reuter.

Swedish Paper Sees Axis Trump Card

Stockholm, May 27.

In a leading article today the "Dagens Nyheter" refers to the Japanese military delegation's visit to Europe, wondering why this Axis trump card against America is not receiving more prominence in the Axis press.

Since the Russo-Japanese neutrality pact, the paper says, the only Japanese statement of importance has been Mr. Matsuoka's interview, which was absolutely orthodox.

The daily refers to the tripartite pact, which was intended to scare America from entering the war, pointing out that America has not been scared.

There are many reasons for this, it asserts, namely: "Firstly, international agreements today are worth less than ever before. They are instruments for influencing public opinion but not for directing government action. If Japan considers the situation suitable for an attack on America, an attack will be made quite apart from the tripartite pact.

"The German-Italian military alliance has had a varied history, as well as the Russo-German and Anglo-Turkish pacts, while France broke her pledge to Britain without discussion. Thus America did not need to fear the tripartite pact.

"Furthermore, Japan has learnt to her sorrow that it is easier to start a war than to finish it. China is not defeated after four years, and the appointment of a Chinese quisling government has been in vain. Japan's resources are strained to the utmost, and an American blockade would place her in a desperate position.

"American indifference to tripartite pact threats is, therefore comprehensible."—Reuter.

Mission Leaves for Naples

Rome, May 26.

The Japanese military mission which is at present visiting Italy left Rome for Naples today. The members of the mission, which is composed of army and navy officers, will return to Rome on June 5.—Havas Telemondial.

Situation Now More Quiet In Bombay

Bombay, May 27.

The calling out of British troops to deal with the situation caused in Bombay by the communal rioting has been welcomed by all communities there as tending to restore confidence, which is essential to the abatement of the present high tension.

Stray assaults continue however, but yesterday the position was quieter than on Sunday.

The latest figures of casualties since the recrudescence of the disturbances are 21 killed and 151 injured. The rioting appears to be the result of persistent communal propaganda creating tension between the two major communities of Hindus and Moslems, particularly affecting the slum areas where these communities are living side by side.

The news of one case of assault spreads like wildfire through the city with the incident increasingly magnified as it is carried from mouth to mouth. This causes further cases of assault in various parts of the city very often merely by way of retaliation.

A feature of Bombay's disturbances is the number of stray assaults, mostly stabbing, and the comparative absence of any organized mob-rioting on a large scale.—Reuter.

No U.S. Troops In Singapore

Singapore, May 27.

A high, authoritative British source declared today that "there definitely are no United States troops in Singapore" in commenting on Japanese press reports that U.S. troops from Peiping and Tientsin had been transferred to this British base.—United Press.

Willkie Urges U.S. to Help Stop Aggression

New York, May 27.

Mr. Wendell Willkie, Republican party leader, last night urged that President Roosevelt in his "fireside chat" to be delivered tonight serve notice "on totalitarian rulers everywhere that America intends to help halt the aggressor powers and totalitarians."

Speaking on the occasion of the United China Relief parade in New York, the former Republican candidate for the presidency called attention to the sinking of the Hood, world's largest warship, as indicating the gravity of the present crisis.

"I doubt if any American citizen, after reading news of what happened (to the Hood), can doubt that America is facing the greatest crisis in all its history," Mr. Willkie declared.—United Press.

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12.00 Mid-day Concert including selections from Verdi's Operas
12.45 **News in English**
1.00 News in Chinese
1.15 News in Hindustani
1.30 Peter Adam's German Programme
2.00 Czechoslovak News and Commentary
2.30 Dance Music
3.30 Woman and Home, including Short Story at 3.50
4.30 Chinese Programme
5.00 "The Foundations of Chinese Music," by Prof. Wei Chung-loh
7.00 Czechoslovak Programme
7.30 News in French
7.45 Light Music
8.00 **Relay of B.B.C. News and Talk (Conditions Permitting)**
8.30 "Music a la Carte" — Request Programme conducted by Kenneth Mackenzie
9.00 **News in English followed by B.B.C. Programme and Local Announcements**
9.20 "As I See It." Talk by John Harford
9.30 Songs and Music of Czechoslovakia—programme arranged on the occasion of Dr. Eduard Benes' birthday
10.00 Pacific Paradise—a programme of Hawaiian Melodies.
10.30 Dance Music
11.00 Late Night Final
11.10 Peter Adam's German Programme
11.40 **Moviegoers' News Summary**
11.50-12.00 News in Chinese

BBC

Main items in this evening's London programme which can be heard on the 16 (GSV) and 19 (GSF) metre bands and on the 25 (GSD) metre band after 10.45 p.m. are:—

8.00 News and Topical Talk
8.30 So What? A light review.
9.15 Press Gang with Stanley Lupino
10.00 News and News Commentary.
11.00 Letters to the Papers.
11.15 The work of the dock workers.
11.30 Dance Music by Billy Cotton and his Band
Midnight News Letter to the Far East by Sir Frederick Whyte.
7.30 p.m. GSG 16 metre band. Cantonese News Letter.

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5.30 Chinese lesson for foreigners.
5.50 French lesson for Chinese students.
6.10 Chinese music.
6.15 News in Chinese (Shanghai dialect).
6.30 Chinese music.
6.35 News in Chinese (Mandarin).
6.50 Light Music.
7.20 Music by Russian composers.
7.30 News in Russian.
7.45 Music by Russian composers.
7.50 Light music.
8.00 Causerie by Mme Claude Rivière. Indochina has lost one of her greatest administrators, Mr. Graffeil.
8.15 Light music.
8.30 News in French.
8.45 Light music.
9.00 News in English.
9.30 Concert:
"Werther," opera by Massenet.

Chungking to Hear Roosevelt

Chungking, May 27.

President Roosevelt's fireside chat today is arousing the keenest interest throughout China.

The Chinese International Broadcasting Station is making arrangements to receive the broadcast, which is due to be made at 9.30 tomorrow morning, Chungking time, and the station will immediately rebroadcast it in Chinese for Chinese listeners all over the country.

The Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association is also arranging for reception of the speech, inviting the public and Chinese and foreign pressmen to hear the broadcast.

The Chinese press this morning expressed the opinion that the speech of Mr. Clarence E. Gauss yesterday might be taken as an indication of what President Roosevelt might be expected to say regarding the Far East, namely, that the United States would give continued assistance to China in the latter's struggle for freedom and independence.—Reuter.

Navy Day in Tokyo

Tokyo, May 27.

Parades, concerts and lectures were the order of the day yesterday when Japan recalled for the 36th time the naval victory scored by a force, under the command of Fleet Admiral Marquis Heihachiro Togo, over the Imperial Russian fleet on May 27, 1905.—Domei.

U.S. Orders More Ships

Washington, May 27.

The United States Maritime Commission announced yesterday that contracts had been signed for construction of 123 more new merchant ships to be used in the aid-Britain and national defence programme. The new ships will cost U.S. $312,000,000.—United Press.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF MAY 23, 1871

The latest advices from Singapore with reference to the telegraphic cable to Hongkong, are to the effect that the vessels are in readiness to start, but that a telegram has been received from the head office at home to await further instructions. It is surmised that this may be in reference to the question whether Saigon shall be at once included or not. So soon as instructions are received, a commencement will be made in laying the cable, and when this is the case, it will probably not take more than twelve days for it to be completed. The offices of the company are to be next door to those of the Great Northern Co., and the wires are already laid down from Tahtowan Bay, where the cable is to be landed.

THE LOONG-FEI AUCTION TO-DAY

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5 NATIONAL COMMANDER Grey 12-2, E/193, "X" Class griffin, Has been placed, Owner reducing stable.
6 NATIONAL PATRIOT Chestnut 12-3, E/34, "X" Class griffin, Has been placed, Owner reducing stable.
7 NATIONAL FLOWER Grey 13-1, A/307, "Y" Class, quiet to ride, Owner reducing stable.
8 LAL RUBY late Fairy Jackdaw Grey 13-0, P/153, "Y" Class, Wellknown Race pony, winner on 22/3/41. Believed sound.
9 GOGGIE Grey 13-2, F/112, Has been hunted two seasons good jumper, not up to Owner's weight.
10 BYE BYE late National Sport late Peaceful General Brown 13-0, A/207, "Y" Class, winner and placed.
11 HOUDINI Bay 13-0, J/263, 5th Class, winner & placed at all-distance. 1st Class Polo pony, Has played in Matches, good weight carrier. Owner selling stable.
12 ZAFIRO Grey 13-0, J/21, 4th Class, winner & placed at all-distance. 1st Class Polo pony, Has played in Matches, good weight carrier. Owner selling stable.
13 TEXAS Bay 12-3, N/113, (Russian dealer griffin) Has started five times this season, Will be Classified this Autumn. Young and strong. Good for polo.
14 BROWN BOMBER Bay 13-1, A/120, 5th Class, winner and placed many times, will make polo pony. Has been tried. Owner selling stable.

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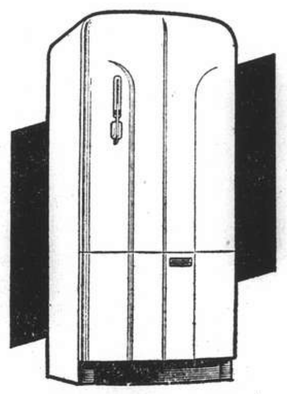

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LAVAL SPEAKS

M. Laval, in making his first speech since Marshal Petain dismissed him from power, leaves no possibility of misunderstanding as to what his position is regarding the future of France. It is but natural that he should seek to escape the blame which is his and those who think like him for the defeat which France encountered, but he carries no conviction when he attributes the failure of his country to democracy. The fact of the matter is that he and his fellows sold their country out fearing the rise of communism and preferring National Socialism though between the two it has now been revealed there is comparatively little difference. M. Laval defames the majority of his own countrymen when he states "We do not want to fight for it (democracy)." To declare that the masses of Frenchmen, whose forebears fought bitterly for the rights and liberties in the defence of which the present generation took up the sword, are of the same opinion as Laval and his fellow intriguers is to state something which is not true.

Naturally there are some people in France who believe that democracy is dead. There are such people even in Great Britain, tucked away where they can do the least possible harm, and the real cause of the defeat of France is that it was not possible to round up the fifth columnists who put in such deadly work against the best interests of their fellow-nationals and proved themselves guilty of a treason which is without parallel in the history of the modern world. There is a certain naivete in Laval's appeal to the United States when he asks "Is America going to paralyse us on the way to a national resurrection?" The suggestion is that the fortunes of France can only be furthered by entrusting them to men who have betrayed their country for purposes of self-interest. He has admitted himself that he realizes that the people of France in the main are opposed to him and all he stands for, and it is known that his personal safety is secured only by the support and protection which the Germans are giving him.

In what appears to have been his peroration the dismissed minister declares "This war—perhaps on the other side you do not know it,—is not like other wars. It is a revolution out of which we will rise rejuvenated, reorganized and prosperous." When the intentions regarding France as contained in Hitler's "Mein Kampf" are recalled, when the frankly stated German plans for a new order in Europe are borne in mind, it is clear that M. Laval has, as the negro says, simply "been talkin' wiv his mouf." He has uttered words, mere words with no promise of eventual truth behind them. A victorious Germany intends to plan an economic system in which the other countries of Europe would be subservient to Germany, the other races no more but hewers of wood and drawers of water for the German *Herrenvolk*. It is entirely against Hitler's intention that a new France shall arise rejuvenated, reorganized and prosperous. Destruction of France and nothing but destruction is Hitler's aim, for he has declared time and again that there can be no peace in Europe until France is destroyed and deprived of all possibility of fighting Germany.

Why Laval addressed this plea to the United States on the eve of President Roosevelt's anxiously awaited fireside chat is not apparent especially when he rejects the ideals of democracy for which the United States fought, and which they hold so dear. If he hopes to kindle some substantial response in the hearts of the people of the United States he will surely have failed of his purpose, for democrats the world over see in the personality of Laval the embodiment of treason to all they stand for. It is now quite clear that if the French Government at the time of the armistice instead of signing that document had decided to continue the war from the French Empire the situation in Europe, Africa and the Near East would be very different from what it is now, for the Italian Empire would have been liquidated months ago and the Allied positions throughout those areas rendered safe. That Laval betrayed Britain and her Allies is bad enough, but that he should even now seek to place German shackles about the neck of France is but a further measure of his perfidy.

LONDON'S EXAMPLE

A few days ago reference was made in this column to the splendid manner in which various cities, towns and counties in Great Britain had been passing the amounts set for them to collect in connection with the War Weapons Week. Some places had subscribed as much as three and even four times the amount they were originally asked for, and it is generally reported that throughout the country very much more money was received than could possibly have been expected. And all this despite the large increase in taxation involved in the last Budget. The latest report is that London's War Weapons Week has resulted in the most gratifying sum of £120,041,000 having been raised, or an average of £21 a head of the population, which through evacuation, etc., has been reduced to about 6,000,000. Since the war started there have been numerous funds operating for one object or another and the results in all cases have been remarkable. The Lord Mayor of London's Fund has reached well into the millions, large sums have been subscribed for the purchase of aeroplanes, while in other fields charity has been evidenced on a wholly unprecedented scale.

The voluntary and compulsory contributions which Britons at home are making towards prosecuting this war to victory, is a sufficient demonstration of the manner in which people, running daily and nightly risks of their lives, dig deeper and ever deeper into their pockets as demands continue to be made upon them. They do not consider it sufficient that they should be giving of their blood, their toil, their sweat and their tears, but they give freely of their money in a manner which surpasses anything seen in the last war. In every possible way they are proving to the world the reality of their loyalty to the principles for which they are fighting, and no sacrifice is too great in the cause of victory.

This journal has done what it could to further the efforts of those conducting the Central British War Fund, the Voluntary War Contribution Fund and the Shanghai War Savings Association, often, perhaps, at the risk of boring its readers. But so splendid are the results achieved in Great Britain, by those already giving so much in ways which Britons in China cannot give, that the question naturally arises in the light of such reports as that quoted above as to whether Britons here are doing everything they possibly can. That question in no way disparages what has been achieved up to the present, for it has been good and has surpassed original expectations. Yet there are some in a position to know who are not completely satisfied that all that should is being done. It is admitted that nobody can possibly understand all his neighbour's commitments and even critics of the British effort in China would be the first to admit that. Nevertheless the opinion is held in some quarters that greater support for the funds and the association should be forthcoming.

As has already been pointed out that is purely a matter for the individual conscience. But surely the time has come when the questions which should be addressed to one's conscience are—Am I giving only out of my plenty, or am I really making self-denials in someway commensurate with those my fellows are making at home? If what has been already donated merely comes from plenty then the effort which is being made is not good enough. It can never be good enough until some of the money, and that as much as is humanly possible, results from the self-denial of some of those luxuries as common as to be almost taken for necessaries. That applies throughout the whole of the British community—to the rich as well as those less happily placed,—and it does not matter whether the sums given are large or small so long as they are given. The widow's mite in the Temple outranked the greater donations of the wealthy for she gave all she possibly could. "For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God; but she of her penury hath cast in all the living which she had." It is not then always the size of the gift but the spirit in which it is made, and surely the spirit of the British in China is in no way behind that of their fellow-nationals in the home country.

Students In China

Though the Chinese Government has suffered a number of defeats and has been driven from its centre in Nanking into distant Szechuen province, it has never allowed the vicissitudes of war to overshadow the importance of continuing to the best of its ability the education of the rising generation in this country. Universities which were situated in what is now occupied territory have been moved to other centres, where they have carried on in many cases with greatly depleted attendance. The point is, however, that the universities have been carrying on. Cheeloo University, which was formerly at Tsinan, is now in Chengtu, as also is Ginling College. The University of Nanking is also in Chengtu while many other centres of learning which were in parts of the country now under Japanese domination have set themselves up in different parts of the far west, often in temples and other premises, and are continuing the tradition of learning which the Chinese republic fostered before the outbreak of hostilities in 1937. In spite of the many difficulties it has to face in other connections, the Chinese Government is at present subsidizing no fewer than 30,000 students at an expenditure of over $5,000,000 a year. This is done with the object of preserving the spirit of Chinese nationalism and the love of independence which makes China's cause one with that of the Allies and the United States. Students in the cities of free China have no easy life. Most of them are subject to bombings at frequent intervals. In many cases their universities have been forced to move more than once, owing to the destruction of their premises. As a result of these bombings many students have lost their bedding and their books, both difficult to replace when the students are dependent upon remittances from their parents who have remained in occupied areas. In addition the difficulties of making remittances have steadily increased, and many young people would long ago have been forced to abandon their studies had it not been for the assistance granted by the Government. This assistance has necessarily been on a small scale, and it is no small tribute to the persistence of the students themselves that they have been willing to continue under conditions which have sometimes meant nothing more than bare subsistence. A share in the expenses of some of these institutions of learning is being borne by British and American missionary societies, and the faculties of some of the Christian universities have, judging from the "Christian Universities of China Bulletin," been surprised at the eagerness shown by Chinese youth to enroll. On January 1 this year the total number of students received in Christian universities in free China was 7,876, which was an increase of more than twelve hundred over the enrolment in the previous year. When it is considered that the majority of these universities are only in temporary quarters, the figure is astonishing. It would seem that the desire for the most modern education is inspiration enough to cause students to travel hundreds of miles, sometimes a thousand or so, in order to reach some centre where they are assured of good tuition. Many have had to endure extraordinary hardships before they reached their goal. But they have got there. In some cases the presence of universities in areas which have not known these things before has resulted in interesting historical discoveries being made which, when this China "incident" is over, may be collated and may provide much new data on obscure periods in early Chinese history. In the meantime the student carries on.

STRAY NOTES

May 24.—We all make mistakes at times, and I certainly feel that I was well away from the straight and narrow path of truth when I gave a short description of a Yellow-necked Heron in my "Shanghai Bird Year" as follows:—"The long neck of this bird is the distinguishing feature, it is streaked chestnut-brown and white, which gives the yellow appearance etc." I can well remember the scene which prompted that description: a ship at sea on a stormy day... a black sky and a gale of wind blowing combers on to the deck...a sudden whirr of wings over my head, as a Heron landed on to the rail beside me with its long yellowish, streaky neck outstretched as the poor storm-blown creature tried to balance on the swaying, twisting perch. Actually that scene has come to my mind almost every morning this month as I have watched sombre, slate-black herons coming home in the early hours to roost in the tall trees: these are dark heavy-looking birds, totally unlike the picture painted in my mind by that bird at sea: yet they are precisely the same bird; but when the head is drawn back into the shoulders (and herons always fly like that) the only sign of the "yellow neck" is a hardly noticeable buff patch between head and breast: thus do circumstances alter cases. These birds, by the way, are not the Night Herons (lighter in colour and much smaller) which have made themselves known by their frequent appearances in the Avenue Haig: the Yellow-necked Heron of which I am writing was mentioned by Styan in his notes many years ago as *Ardetta flavicollis*, and a friend of his added the English name Black Heron—which is a far better name than "Yellow-necked." But I like La Touche's description of the bird best when he says, "this bird is mainly crepuscular in its habits ...": what a lovely word! Think of the twilight, the gathering darkness, croaking frogs, flying bats, dutiful husbands going home to their wives... and the big bad Black Heron stealing out for the night...being crepuscular in his habits. There is, I believe, a spot of the crepuscular in all of us.—E.S.W.

Cannibalism in Papua

What do you know of Papua? You really ought to know more about it, seeing we own it. For New Guinea, a large chunk of which is Papua, constitutes the second largest island in the world (the largest being Australia). And, more important, it is a part of Australasia, and also part of the ultimate problem of the Pacific, writes John Digby in the "Sunday Times," Perth, Western Australia. Cast back to 1914 and think of Rabaul, when that then German capital was occupied by an Australian force. And think back to 1921 when a civil administration of Papua was made responsible to the Commonwealth of Australia by a mandate under the League of Nations. Hitler, even with his hands full, would like that territory back. Japan would like to have it as a jumping off place for an invasion of Australia. Much of the interior is uncharted, hardly probed by whites, a deep-gorged, rugged region of mountains, over which seldom heard-of expeditions toil in their search for gold and oil. Active volcanoes send pyres of smoke into the brooding atmosphere, hanging unmistakable signposts on the sky for the benefit of travellers. Earthquakes are frequent. Tides sweep up the great river Fly for a distance of 150 miles, and all of the streams are swollen by a considerable punctual rainfall.

It is hot and moist up there. Malaria country. The victim shivers violently, temperature soars. But there is another fever in the country A fever no doctor can stamp out. Gold fever. Over the mountains, into the damp fetid jungles they go, the prospectors, the hot spell of riches inflaming their imagination, sending spurious strength into their limbs, deluding their eyes.

To understand the full significance of this statement one must study a few facts. There are "territories under the absolute control of the Government," meaning that unarmed police may effect an arrest: "territories under partial control" where police are armed: "territories under the influence of the Government," indicating that the inhabitants are not too hostile when a patrol passes through. But, finally, there is the "uncontrolled territory," and before entry into that an armed force is necessary.

Over half of New Guinea falls into the latter category. All Papua, all New Guinea, outside of Rabaul and a few other isolated centres, is a struggle. The whole island presses upwards, mountains, trees, flowers, creepers, writhing in a maelstrom of fierce choking life. The trees are festooned with sinuous vines, twined like great green boa-constrictors, about their towering victims.

Methods of Handling Victims

Cannibals still eat in New Guinea. First procedure of the cannibal is to make sure no patrols are about. Next is to secure the victim, who is slaughtered painlessly or exquisitely in accordance with the whim of the local chief. The carcase is then disembowelled, cut into pieces and wrapped in taro leaves. So much for the recipe. The dish is subsequently cooked upon heated stones, or, in some cases, when the tribe concerned is sated with roasts, boiled in water. It must be stated, however, that even the most incorrigible Papuan cannibal rarely eats the flesh of a white man. This is not due to any veneration for the superior race. "White men," as a chief so succinctly put it, "smell bad."

Head-hunting comes under a different branch of New Guinea custom. It is a sporting affair.

Although cannibals are reasonably reticent about their unique menus, head-hunters speak of their hobby in much the same way as a white hunter asks his visitors into the sitting-room to see the lion rug he made with an elephant rifle in Tanganyika.

Apart from cannibalism, leprosy, tuberculosis, head-hunting and scorpions, one can also die easily from fright in New Guinea. They call it puri-puri. The native simply chooses a victim. This having been done he then mutters a few fatal abracadabras and watches him die. No white doctor yet has discovered an answer to this nervous disease. However, with the awkward fixation in his mind that he must remain prone for the rest of his life, a white hot poker is a proven remedy. Something involuntary must exorcize the spell. The late Dr. Freud himself could not talk a native out of what he had been talked into.

But there is one redeeming thing about Papua. No native has been known to suicide on account of love. When the coal-cheeked maid of his desires rebuffs the sable-hued swain in New Guinea, he thinks not of suicide. He may go out into the forest and take on anything from a python to a sorcerer, but never will he consciously put an end to his misery with his own hand.

After a few thwarted days he will return, ogle another wench and maybe marry her. And if his grief becomes so large that his tears are as the Danube, he will kill somebody. Anybody, but not himself. It won't do his suit much good; but it's a great relief for the mind. For in New Guinea their ideas about love are as queer as their ideas about other things.

Australia has certainly a complex problem in her mandated territory.

IN PARENTHESIS

Small Town

Boss: Here's a cigar. You two boys can flip for it.

Stooge: What do you think we are, acrobats?

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After Him

BOOKKEEPER: "I'll have to have a raise, sir. There are three other companies after me."

Boss: "Is that so? What companies?"

Bookkeeper: "Light, phone and water."

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Not Quite Finished

MISTRESS: "Have you finished cleaning the brass ornaments yet?"

Maid (fed up): "Yes, ma'am, all except your rings and bracelets."

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Too Long to Wait

"WHAT inspired the old-time pioneers to set forth in their covered wagons?"

"Well, maybe they didn't want to wait about 30 years for a train."

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Ever Try It?

WIFE: "It's strange, but Helen and I can hardly understand each other over the telephone."

Husband: "Did you ever try talking one at a time?"

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Simple

GOVERNESS: Don't you like that poem, "Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are"?

Littel Waldo: No. Why wonder about the elements of a star when a simple spectrum analysis will solve the question?

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Options Speak Louder

GIRL: If I work for you, I want an option.

Prospective Bross: What are you taking about?

Girl: Well, my sister's boss asked her for a kiss and she had no option. I don't want that to happen to me.

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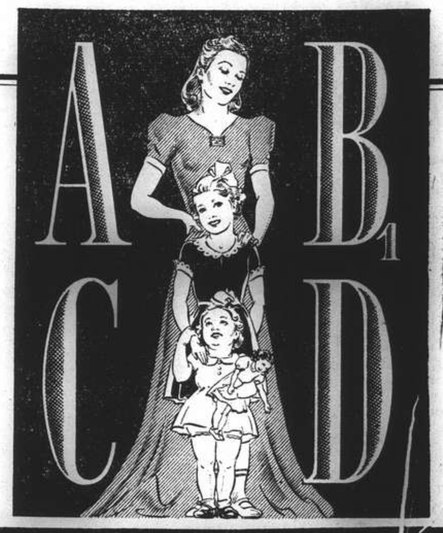

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THE SPORTS PAGE

International Crews Ready For Big Regatta on Sunday

WITH the big Spring Regatta of the Shanghai Rowing Club only four days off, the International crews have now announced their final composition and are busily engaged in putting the last few touches to their training. All four eights in the feature event of the Regatta are reported to be "fighting fit" and Sunday morning should see an epic struggle for the possession of rowing's Blue Riband. In addition to this, there are no less than six crews entered for the International Fours, and four couples competing in the International Pairs.

Judging from the form thus far shown, all the international events hold every promise of being extraordinarily close this year, and it is impossible to predict with any degree of accuracy which boat will pass the post first in any of these three major races.

Both the eye and the imagination will naturally be captured by the four eights struggling for premier honours, and this event, starting at 10 a.m., gets the Regatta off to an exciting start. The crews will fight it out over a distance of a mile and a half, and will finish just opposite the stands, giving the spectators an excellent view of the final tense seconds of the race.

Next to the eights race in order of precedence comes the International Fours event, which should provide another exciting finish with six evenly-matched boats coming home with very little daylight between them. This will be the first race after the tiffin interval, starting at 2 p.m.

There will be only four pairs starting in the International Pairs event, Scotland and the British Empire not competing. Here again there should be another tight finish with all four nations represented standing an excellent chance of snatching the victory.

In addition to the International races there will be a variety of other events to hold the spectators' interest throughout the day. The serious items will include the Junior Fours, the Griffins Fours and the Griffins Pairs, while the lighter side of the Regatta will be taken up with the Ladies or Mixed Fours, the "Loafers" Fours and the Scratch eights. Taken all in all, Sunday's Regatta offers a full day's entertainment for all those who come up to Tungkadoo to watch it. The Club have been fortunate in being allowed the use of the bungalow at the Dock, through the kindness of the Shanghai Dockyards Ltd., and spectators are afforded excellent facilities for watching the races from the Wharf and the bank of the river. The spectator's launch leaves the Customs Jetty at 9 a.m. on Sunday Morning.

List of crews and detailed programme follows:

INTERNATIONAL EIGHTS

Event 1. 10.00 a.m.

Distance 1½ Miles

ENGLAND

Station No. 1 — Boat Colour: Black

	lb.
Bow. W. E. Price	150
2 R. S. L. Frewen	155
3 W. R. Featherstonehaugh	152
4 F. Holmes	160
5 J. B. Winter	190
6 C. E. M. Brown	162
7 N. J. Palmer	170
Stroke H. C. F. Aris	160
Cox W. J. Brown	130

AMERICA

Station 2 — Boat Colour: Red

Bow K. C. Gould	154
2 W. E. Brenner	160
3 J. D. Welch	152
4 W. E. Whaley	155
5 N. O. Burgess	192
6 L. Reierstad	198
7 A. D. Keys	168
Stroke Y. J. Turner	170
Cox W. Hasick	140

WORLD

Station 3 — Boat Colour: Blue

Bow O. Thoresen	150
2 D. Blix	144
3 K. Kimdren	162
4 C. Polov	168
5 V. Egoroff	200
6 U. Sdobnikoff	175
7 G. Sevald	145
Stroke A. Thoresen	165
Cox F. Berge	135

BRITISH EMPIRES

Station 4 — Boat Colour: Green

Bow T. Hoggarth	175
2 C. H. Hodgman	155
3 W. R. McCracken	170
4 G. G. Forestier	175
5 A. R. Richards	180
6 J. G. Harvey	190
7 G. F. C. McLorn	170
Stroke J. Stewart Smith	165
Cox A. C. Sinclair	164

Event 2. GRIFFIN PAIRS 10.30 a.m.
Event 3. LADIES OR MIXED FOURS. 11 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL PAIRS

Event 4. 11.30 a.m.

Distance 1 Mile

RUSSIA

Station 1. — Boat Colour: Green

	lb.
Bow V. Egoroff	200
Stroke U. Sdobnikoff	175

NORWAY

Station 2. — Boat Colour: Black

Bow G. Sevald	145
Stroke A. Thoresen	165

ENGLAND

Station 3. — Boat Colour: Red

Bow N. J. Palmer	170
Stroke H. C. Aris	162

AMERICA

Station 4. — Boat Colour: White

Bow A. D. Keys	168
Stroke Y. J. Turner	170

Event 5. GRIFFIN FOURS 1.30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL FOURS

Event 6. 2.00 p.m.

Distance 1½ Miles

RUSSIA

Station 1 — Boat Colour: Red

	lb.
Bow. A. Troyan	175
2 C. Polov	168
3 V. Egoroff	200
Stroke. U. Sdobnikoff	175

SCOTLAND

Station 2. — Boat Colour: White

Bow W. R. McCracken	170
2 C. H. Hodgman	155
3 A. R. Richards	180
Stroke G. G. Forestier	175

ENGLAND

Station 3 — Boat Colour: Green

Bow W. E. Price	150
2 F. Holmes	150
3 N. J. Palmer	170
Etroke H. C. F. Aris	162

EMPIRE

Station 4. — Boat Colour: Black

Bow T. Hoggarth	175
2 J. Stewart Smith	165
3 G. F. C. McLorn	170
Stroke J. G. Harvey	130

NORWAY

Station 5. — Boat Colour: Brown

Bow O. Thoresen	150
2 K. Knudsen	162
3 G. Sevald	145
Stroke A. Thoresen	165

AMERICA

Station 6 — Boat Colour: Blue

Bow N. O. Burgess	190
2 L. Reierstad	186
3 A. D. Keys	168
Stroke Y. J. Turner	175

Event 7. VISITORS PAIRS 2.30 p.m.
Event 8. LOAFERS FOUR 3.00 p.m.
Event 9. JUNIOR FOURS 3.30 p.m.
Event 10. SCRATCH EIGHTS 4.00 p.m

Polo to Start In Earnest Soon

BY "THE CHASER"

With the official opening of the season having taken place last Sunday, polo will now commence in earnest and more competitive games will be seen this week-end when pick-up chukkers will be played. In the meantime, however, no definite dates have been fixed for the playing of polo but this will be decided upon when the Committee holds their first meeting on Saturday.

At the Annual General Meeting, held early this month, the following were elected to serve on the Committee for the current season:—

C. S. Franklin (Chairman), J. C. Greig (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), N. F. Allman, C. D. Culbertson, Comte J. du Rivau, R. B. Moller (Hon. Field Secretary), L. R. Moore and A. V. White.

Mr. A. H. George was elected President of the Club.

Playing members are asked to note that owing to the turf on the polo field being very bare in parts on account of the playing of football during the winter and in order to give the grass an opportunity to grow, they are requested to confine all their individual practice to the plot of ground adjacent to the east side of the playing field.

The wooden horse will be put up in the course of the next few days and members should avail themselves of it to improve their hitting.

Commission Studies Baer's Complaint

Washington, May 27.

The District of Columbia Boxing Commission, after hearing a complaint that Buddy Baer was "robbed" of the heavyweight title in his match with Joe Louis, on May 23, announced yesterday that its decision will be delivered at an early date.

The chairman of the commission, Mr. Claude Owen, said Louis "very definitely" hit Baer after the bell ending the sixth round, added that Mike Jacobs, promoter, had agreed to match Louis and Baer again for the title in Washington in September or October.

Mr. Owen expressed the belief that the National Boxing Commission would recognize Baer, brother of Max Baer, former champion, as the title holder if the commission ruled he had won on a foul, but indicated that the commission's hands were tied because local regulations specified the referee's decision was not reversable.

Baer was disqualified by the referee when his seconds refused to leave the ring at the beginning of the seventh round. In the first round Baer had knocked Louis through the ropes. Louis came back to floor the challenger three times, putting him in a semi-conscious condition at the start of the seventh round.—Reuter.

Canada Carries On

London, May 27.

News has been received that, despite the war and its claim on Canadians, the Royal Canadian Golf Association have decided to hold the Canadian Open championship on a Toronto course this year.

While the date has not been fixed a period in late August is suggested. Perhaps there is an optimistic hope that the troubles in Europe, which affect people to such a large degree in distant Canada, will be over by then. The Canadian amateur championship will not be held and in present circumstances one can only see the Open developing into a holiday for American professionals, as was the case last year.—Reuter.

Ex-National Batting Champion Undergoes Operation

Frank "Lefty" O'Doul, twice National batting champion and now manager of the San Francisco Seals, recently underwent an operation to save the sight of his left eye after he had been struck with a bottle by an unidentified assailant in the swank cocktail lounge of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

Track Events Made Easy..... No. 1: Sprints

BY "TRACKSTER"

EACH time a new record is established every one thinks that the limit, of human speed has been reached but the manner in which standards have been discarded during the past decade show that there is still room for improvement. New training methods, faster tracks, and better equipment have all been factors in these assaults on the world's records. Another factor which must be included is the better general health and living conditions that are enjoyed by the people of the 20th century.

START

A fast start is essential in the dash events as the race is over so quick that if you are left in your holes at the crack of the starting gun you are out of the race. While the form in the start may vary somewhat, with the individual, the basic fundamentals are the same. The position of the feet in the start is important as the runner wants to be able to "gather" his muscles for the explosive drive on the start and if his feet are too far apart or too close together, then he will be caught out of balance. Generally the left foot is about 11 to 19 inches back of the starting line, while the right foot is about 28 to 40 inches, both distances depending upon the length of the legs of the runner. The lateral distance of feet is about 8 inches apart. Just before the order, "Take Your Marks" is given, the runner should stand in front of his holes facing the direction in which he is to run. When the starter gives the command, then the runner should back into his holes—not step into them as this tends to break down the walls of the holes and thus fail to give a firm place to drive from—and go into the crouch. A deep breath should be taken during this as it helps to steady nerves and increases the oxgyen content in the lungs. The hands should be placed just behind the starting line and at a little more than shoulder width apart. The eyes should be focused on a point about fifteen yards down the track.

At the order "Get Set" the back leg knee is raised so that the hips are on the level with or slightly about the shoulders. This movement should be upward and forward. The balance of the body should be such that if tilted a little bit more forward the runner would fall on his face. Don't pay any attention to your breathing other than to take another deep breath as the second command is given. At the crack of the gun the runner should explode forward and start his arm action by swinging his left arm forward and his right arm backward in the starting lunge.

ARM ACTION

The first part of the sprints will find the arms driving like pistons in a similar action to that in walking only in a more exaggerated swing which carries the fists from a point at the centre of the hips up to a location between the chin and the shoulder on the same side as the upswinging arm. As the full stride is reached this driving action should change into a clockwise motion of the fists. As the fist goes down from the top of the swing it should go forward, downward then in toward the body and upward to the peak of the action. This circular action rolls the hips and will add from two to six inches to the stride of the average runner.

BREATHING

Most sprinters take but three breaths during the 100 yard dash. The first is taken as he hits full stride at about the 20 yard mark, the second at about sixty yards and the third at about 85 yards. The air is expelled from the lunge rapidly, while it is taken in similar to a gasp. The longer sprint races require considerably more breaths and no set rule is laid down for them as runners vary too greatly over the greater distances.

STRATEGY IN SPRINTING

The 100 yard dash and shorter dash events are the only races where no strategy is used in running. This is true because you run as fast as you are capable of running the entire distance and if you are fast enough you win. However, the 220 is a different matter. Science has proven that it is humanly impossible to maintain full speed for this entire 220; not even such stars as Owens and Paddock could run full out the whole distance. Most runners hit full speed for the first 70 or 80 yards then go into what is called a "Coast" which actually is a fast steady stride which maintains the speed but doesn't use up as much energy. This is maintained until about the 150 mark when the runners go back into high gear and sprint for the finish. It may look to the amateurs as though the runners are wide open the entire distance but actually they glide through the middle of the race.

Cards Make It Seven Straight In Hectic Game With Cubs

New York, May 26.

THE pennant-bound St. Louis Cardinals extended their winning streak to seven games as they nosed out the Chicago Cubs, 12 to 11, in a hectic 12-inning game today.

The Cards appeared to have the game tucked away in the third when they were leading by nine runs, but the Cubs started hitting Clyde Shoun hard, and also his successor, Lon Warneke. When the ninth inning rolled around, the Cubs held a one-run lead but the Cards managed to push over the necessary counter to force the game into extra innings.

Jimmy Brown, Card infielder, broke the deadlock by clouting out a homer in the first half of the 11th, catcher Don Padgett then duplicated the feat, giving St. Louis a two-run margin, which was sufficient because the best the Cubs could do in their half of the inning was to collect one run.

Dodgers Lucky to Win

Brooklyn's Dodgers pushed over a lucky 6 to 4 win against the Philadelphia Phillies as outfielder Joe Marty fumbled the ball with the bases loaded, letting in three runs.

The Phillies were leading 4 to 1 when the Dodgers collected their unearned runs in the fourth and then followed through to collect more in the seventh inning. Freddie Fitzsimmons started on the mound for the Dodgers but gave way in the sixth in favour of Walter Higbe who finished the game. Darrell Blanton, Frank Hoerst and Frank Crouch saw hurling service for the losers.

Bucky Walters hurled the Cincinnati Reds to a 7 to 3 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates in a night game at the Red home park. The game was nip-and-tuck until the last of the sixth when the Reds staged a four-run rally.

Walters was nicked for 10 blows but kept them scattered and allowed only single scores to cross the plate in the first, third and sixth innings. He was given air-tight support by his mates.

Tigers Snap Winning Streak

Delmar Baker' Detroit Tigers snapped the league-leading Cleveland Club's five-game winning streak as they came through with a three-run rally in the ninth to win, 5 to 3. Hero of the game was Bruce Campell whose double brought in two of the ninth inning runs. The Tigers went into a tie for fourth place as a result of the win. They will clash with the league leaders again tomorrow.

All other clubs of the American League had no games scheduled today.

Box Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	5	11	0
Cleveland	3	8	0

Batteries: Newsom, Thomas and Tebbetts; Smith, Heving and Hemsley.

Only game scheduled American League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia	4	10	3
Brooklyn	6	10	1

Batteries: Blanton, Hoerst, Crouch and Warren; Fitzsimmons, Higbe and Phelps, Owen.

Chicago	11	15	4
St. Louis	12	14	1

Batteries: Olsen, Ericksom, Pressnell, Fasseau and George; Shoun, Warneke, M. Cooper and Mancuso.

Pittsburgh and Cincinnati night game.

Pittsburgh	3	10	1
Cincinnati	7	13	0

Batteries: Strincevich, Lanning, Bowman, Lopez and Baker; Walters and Lombardi.

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	28	13	.683
Chicago	21	14	.600
New York	20	18	.526
Boston	16	16	.500
Detroit	19	19	.500
Philadelphia	17	19	.472
Washington	14	24	.368
St. Louis	11	23	.324

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis	27	9	.750
Brooklyn	25	12	.676
New York	18	14	.563
Chicago	16	18	.471
Cincinnati	17	20	.459
Pittsburgh	12	20	.375
Boston	12	20	.375
Philadelphia	10	24	.294

—United Press.

English Football Fixtures

London, May 27.

Following are the fixturse for soccer matches to be played on May 31:—

FOOTBALL LEAGUE WAR CUP (FINAL REPLAY)

Preston v. Arsenal

LONDON CUP (SEMI-FINALS)

Reading v. Crystal Palace
Tottenham v. Brentford

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Aldershot v. Portsmouth
Millwall v. Fulham
Cardiff v. Wolverhampton
Leicester v. Northampton
Queens Park Rangers v. Westham
Walsall v. West Bromwich Albion

FOOTBALL LEAGUE SOUTH CHALLENGE MATCH

Brighton v. Watford

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Blackpool v. Chester
Bolton v. Oldham
Eury v. Manchester City
Liverpool v. Everton

GLASGOW CHARITY CUP (FINAL)

Rangers v. Partick

Matches to be played on Whit Monday June 2 are as follows:—

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Aldershot v. Brentford
Crystal Palace v. Reading
Queens Park Rangers v. Fulham
Leicester v. Nottincham Forrest
Portsmouth v. Southampton

HAMPSHIRE CUP (FINAL)

Westham v. Millwall

NORTH REGIONAL

Everton v. Liverpool
Blackpool v. Preston North End

REGIONAL

Wrexham v. Stoke.—Reuter

Inter-Allied Soccer Tournament

London, May 27.

An Inter-Allied soccer tournament, as distinct from their Cup event, has been won by the Belgians who won three, drew two and lost one of the six games played. The Czech Army finished second, a point behind, followed by the Norwegians and the Dutch.

Diables Rouges (Red Devils), the Belgian side, are showing their appreciation of their welcome to England by raising money for charity and they hope that £500 will be exceeded before the season ends. There were some grand pre-war games between strong English club sides and the Belgians and there have been some friendly reunions since the Red Devils club was reformed in London.—Reuter.

Ill Winds Follow Craig Wood

London, May 27.

Craig Wood will go down in history as one of the unfortunate golfers unless his luck changes in the next few years. His win in the Masters' tournament at Augusta (Georgia) with a return of 66, 71, 71, 72 for a total of 280 stamps him as a man of front rank but people are apt to forget tournament winners unless they succeed championships.

Open titles have eluded Craig Wood and now that he is on the way to his fortieth birthday he will not find it so easy to repel the advances of younger men.

Craig Wood has had a good share of district and tournament successes and he came to England in 1933 with a more than useful reputation. This he justified by sharing first place in the British Open championship at St. Andrews but he lost the replay to Densmore Shute, a compatriot with a Cornish connection. It is Shute who is chiefly remembered when the 1933 championship is talked about, not the man who, to be beaten in the replay, might just as well not have tied.

Then at home, in 1939, Craig Wood and Byron Nelson finished level for the American Open title but it was Nelson whose name was inscribed on the roll of champions for he won the replay.

Spreadeagled the Field

When Craig Wood teed up for the first round of the Masters' tournament this year one can visualise him saying "there will be no tie this time" and he certainly spreadeagled the field with a first round score of 66. This gave him a five strokes lead and nobody was ever within three strokes of him afterwards. The rest of the field were fighting for the minor prizes while Craig Wood had a stern grip on the major award of £300. Perhaps Craig Wood trembled a little in the second round, and had memories of 1939, for Nelson who had been installed a 7-1 favourite for the tournament, returned 69 then to secure second place, three strokes behind Craig Wood, who took 71. Wood, however, consolidated his position with another 71 in the third round, Nelson dropping back with 73 while Sam Byrd played a sterling 68 to deprive Nelson of second place.

Only once had a better score than 280 won the tournament and Craig Wood's 66 was six strokes below par and is the second best individual score, a similar round having been the course record until Ray Mangrum's 64 of last year.

There were many American "stars" in the field but none added to his reputation. Lawson Little, the reigning American champion, finished eighth with 280, Gene Sarazen and Horton Smith were among the 297's, Jim Ferrier (Australia) took 299, M. Pose (Argentine) 299 and Bobby Jones—peerless a few years ago—finished with 307.

Walter Hagen did not finish! His first round cost him 87, his worst round in any tournament, and he did not arrive for the second round.—Reuter.

Don Budge Married

Chicago, May 27.

The tennis champion, Donald Budge, yesterday married Miss Diedre Conselman, of Glendale (California).—Reuter.

S.R.C. Cricket Teams

Saturday, May 31 at 1.45 p.m. Recs v. Parsees.

P. Madar (Capt.), T. Buckley, A. F. Gomez, N. Hart-Baker, F. R. Kermani, J. Leriou, H. P. Madar, L. Marcal, H. Meston, L. P. Quincey, C. J. Smith. Reserve: A. A. Kliene. Umpires: O. Strome, A. G. B. Carnell. Scorer: E. C. Kew.

Sunday, June 1 at 1.45 p.m. Recs Sloggers v. Recs Swipers.

J. H. Anderson (Capt.), A. Symons, Y. T. Barma, E. Kidby, W. Quincey, A. Boisseree, M. J. Johnston, E. Tivoniuk, L. J. Wade, A. Kosloff, W. Hallford. Reserve: E. Harvey.

D. F. Harris (Capt.), E. Brodd, V. Evans, G. Karmiloff, R. N. Manley, M. U. Mohideen, J. Jackson, T. Katemopoulus, B. O. Smith, A. England, R. Murray.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THE examinations for the first aid and home nursing classes, organized by the British Women's Association will be held on June 10 and 11.

DR. William Rosenberg in recognition of his research on Chinese stamps and especially his recent publication "Local Post of China" has been elected member of the Royal Philatelic Society in London.

THE committee of the "Limbless" Fund state that the splendid sum of $8,405.64 was collected by the sale of tags on Empire Day, and they wish to thank the public for their generous support, also all those who assisted in the work of collection.

MR. Tomejiro Okubo, Mayor of Tokyo, who is now on a visit here was feted at a dinner party given by Mr. Chiyosaku Fukuda, President of the Japanese Residents' Corporation, on Monday evening, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports.

THE committee of the "Limbless" Fund are to hold a rummage sale on June 19, at the Union Church Hall, and would be glad to receive gifts of clothing or articles of any description from now on. Parcels may be left at the Union Church Hall marked "Limbless."

THE management of the general controlling office of the Tai Ping, An Ping and Foong Sheng Insurance Companies, will be "At Home" to their friends at their new premises on the fifth floor of the Kincheng Bank building tomorrow from 4.30 p.m., to 5.30 p.m.

A WOUNDED Chinese was brought from Pootung yesterday and was taken to the Lester Chinese Hospital for treatment. According to Chinese reports, the man had been shot by a Japanese sentry at the M.B.K. Wharf during his attempt to steal some cargo from the wharf.

H. E. Marquis F. M. Taliani de Marchio, Royal Italian Ambassador, has forwarded to the Municipal Council a donation of Ch.$25,000 granted by the Royal Italian Government to the Municipal Orchestra. Mr. J. H. Liddell, Chairman of the Council, has suitably acknowledged the generous donation.

MR. Akira Shimada, Japanese Consul here, who had been in Tokyo for consultations with his home government has returned to Shanghai from North China, where he inspected peace maintenance conditions in the areas of Inner Mongolia while en route from Tokyo to Shanghai, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports.

VICE-ADMIRAL Taiji Ota, newly appointed Director of the Central China Liaison Office of the Asia Development Board who arrived in Shanghai on Monday to assume his new post, gave a cocktail party to leading Japanese officials and civilians yesterday evening at the Nippon Club on Boone Road, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reports.

MAJOR K. M. Bourne, Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police, returned a courtesy call to Col. Samuel L. Howard, new commander of the U.S. Fourth Marine Corps, at the Marine Headquarters at 11.45 a.m. yesterday. He was accompanied by Capt. H. M. Smyth, Deputy Commissioner, and Assistant Commissioner H. R. Grubb, officer in charge of "B" Division.

A PASTEL drawing of an English Country Scene will be auctioned at the entertainment in aid of War Funds, given by the pupils of the Cathedral School for Boys on Friday this week at 5.30. The entertainment, which will be given on Thursday as well, should prove both interesting and amusing, and reserved seats may be obtained from M. A. Radik, 39 Myburgh Road.

A female Chinese was seriously burned on Monday morning when a wooden hut in Brenan Road, near Jessfield Park, caught fire at 8.56 o'clock. The call was received by the Bubbling Well fire station and firemen were at the spot a few minutes later, but could do nothing to save the structure. The job occupied three quarters of an hour. The victim, suffering from burns to her face and legs was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Two pairs of shoes were stolen from a Chinese shoe store at 225 Sinza Road at 10.15 a.m. yesterday when three robbers, one of them in possession of a pistol, entered the premises and asked to be shown something good in footwear. Eager to oblige the customers, a shop assistant exhibited the company's best when the armed man produced his pistol and forced the assistant to part with his wares. No arrests were made. The shoes were valued at $115.

IN observance of the traditional Chinese Dragon Boat Festival, which is also the time for the mid-year clearance of inter-bank accounts and general financial settlement, local Chinese banks, business firms and factories will close for one day on May 30, the "Chung Kuo Shan Pao" says. As the local financial situation is reported to be stable and most of the loans extended by banks on short-term bases Shanghai firms are expected to meet accounts without difficulty.

A CHINESE cyclist is in a hospital in the French Concession, having been knocked down by railless tram 327 on Route Conty. The accident occurred at 4.30 p.m. on Monday when the driver of the tram made an effort to avoid hitting the cyclist. Swerving violently, the tram crashed into the front of a coffin shop, but caused no casualties to anyone there, although he failed in his effort to avoid the cyclist, who was struck. His condition was reported to be serious.

NEGOTIATIONS for the conclusion of a new Sino-Soviet barter agreement are understood to be progressing satisfactorily between Dr. H. H. Kung, Chinese Minister of Finance, and M. Alexandre Panaochkine, Soviet Ambassador to China, says a Chungking message to the "National Herald." Negotiations for the agreement, which was first discussed on May 8, were resumed between the two diplomats in Chungking on Sunday. Although the nature of the conversations is not revealed, it is believed that China will trade her tungoil and tea for Soviet supplies of arms and munitions, aeroplanes and fuel oil, the report states.

"Odds Are Against Japan's War Entry"

New York, May 27.

Mr. Walter Duranty, veteran correspondent for the North American Newspaper Alliance, wrote today from Honolulu after a visit to Japan that odds were against Japanese entrance into the war despite her pledges under the tripartite alliance, but said he believed Japan would fight if her oil supplies were cut off.

Mr. Duranty claimed there was considerable doubt among important Japanese leaders whether joining the Axis was a wise move, but other leaders had urged such a move, hoping to share in the looting of the British Empire as well as scare or neutralize Soviet Russia and thus diminish Soviet assistance to China.

Mr. Duranty claimed the Japanese were nervous and pessimistic over the fleeing from the Reich of Herr Rudolf Hess, No. 3 Nazi leader, and wrote that if Japan was so worried over such an issue the nation was in no state to fight the United States, Britain, Australia and the Netherlands East Indies.

The Nana correspondent, enroute to the states after a tour of the Far East, said foreign observers in that area believed Japan was feeling at present "greater strain from the China war than was outwardly apparent—economically, agriculturally, financially and even in loss of manpower, with three or four deaths from disease for every soldier killed in battle."—United Press.

"Japanese Navy's Task To Maintain Peace"

Tokyo, May 27.

In an editorial titled "The Imperial Navy" on the occasion of the 36th Navy Day today, the "Japan Times and Advertiser" voiced Japanese confidence that the Navy would prevent an international crisis from developing into war in the western Pacific.

Today, the editorial said, "The Japanese Navy stands second only to the British and American Navies, and the nation looks on it with pardonable pride. It is regarded as a monument to national effort, as an expression of a nation consecrated to the cause of defence times.

"It must be admitted that tension in Pacific relations is heavier than ever before. But this nation reposes its unquestioning trust in its Navy. For the Japanese are well aware that their Navy's purpose has always been defensive and its influence now is for a peaceful construction in the region over which it stands guard.

"They know that their Navy has never been in a better condition than now. In its story it has never had greater units, never had better quality, its fighting bases never better provided, its personnel never better trained and its spirit never higher than at present."—Domei.

Strengthening Urged

Tokyo, May 27.

Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, Minister of Navy, declared today that the Japanese Navy because of the existing and unprecedented serious international situation "was strengthening more thoroughly means for an armed solution to the China affair while on the other hand was engaged in hard training, day and night, in order to respond to call in any emergency."

Admiral Oikawa declared that "we must remind ourselves that one can only depend on one's own power."—United Press.

Johnson Says No Civil War in China

Honolulu, May 26.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, former U.S. Ambassador to China, branded as "falsehoods" today reports in American magazines of civil war between the Communist Eighth Route Army and forces of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. Johnson, who is en route to Washington before assuming his new post as U.S. Minister to Australia, highly praised the Chinese Government for its remarkable endurance through four years of war and expressed optimism that China eventually would win the war with Japan.

The former U.S. Ambassador to Chungking said that in his opinion the Russo-Japanese neutrality pact would not affect Soviet aid to China, at least visibilly.

He declared that the Chinese have great faith in President Roosevelt, as leader of the democracies.

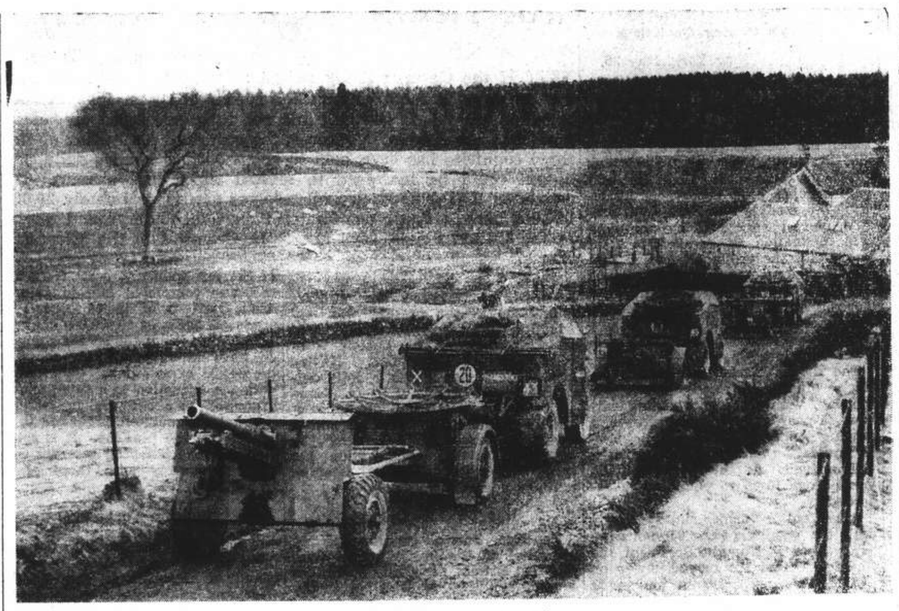
Mr. Johnson conferred with Lieut.-General Walter C. Short, Commander of the Hawaiian Department of the U.S. Army, this morning and was to leave for the mainland by Clipper at 2.30 p.m.—United Press.

Consuls Pay Courtesy Calls on Hata

Nanking, May 27.

Mr. J. Hall Paxton, M. Pierre Salade, and Mr. G. V. Kitson, respectively United States, French and British Consuls in Nanking, on Saturday paid courtesy calls on General Shunroku Hata, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to China, at the latter's official residence, according to a communique issued by the Japanese military authorities here today.

The communique pointed out that the visits on Saturday by the Consuls of the three nations marked the first instance of such formal calls upon the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces by foreign diplomatic representatives in Nanking.—Domei.



Scotland Prepares for Victory

Troops are training all over the British Isles for the day when they will meet the Nazi and defeat him. The picture shows 25-pounders moving into position during exercises which were held recently in Scotland.

U.S. to Protect Battle-Cruisers With Thick Armour

Washington, May 27.

Naval experts asserted yesterday that the United States has taken steps to guard the Navy's six projected battle-cruisers against the possibility of a disaster similar to that which blew up the Hood, world's largest warship.

These experts asserted that destruction of the Hood was not surprising since the Navy had long been aware of the Hood's weakness. They said that plans for the new U.S. battle-cruisers had been drawn to correct these flaws.

Battle of Jutland's Lesson

Experts called attention to the Battle of Jutland during the World War when it was learned that battle-cruisers—which sacrifice their armour for speed and heavy guns—invited destruction to themselves whenever they were engaged by heavily-armoured battleships carrying equal armament. They said that the 21-year-old Hood was no match for the two-year-old Bismarck which, it was believed, fired heavy delayed-action shells from long-range guns.

Naval authorities said the new ships for the U.S. Navy were still in the process of being drafted on blueprints, but said they would be protected fully against direct hits on the magazine—which doomed the Hood.

Heavy Armour Essential

Observers said the United States has always insisted that its shipbuilders and designers provide utmost protection to vital and valuable parts—magazines, gun-turrets and conning-towers—and as a result the United States probably leads the world in that field of ship-construction.

Naval experts said that modern science, plus experience gained from the encounter between the Hood and Bismarck, will be used advantageously when keels of the new battle-cruisers are laid.

Although official details were lacking, experts believed that an extra-heavy projectile, possibly a delayed-action shell, flashed through the previously battered gun-turret—which was probably protected against shell explosions but not against the weight of a delayed-action shell. It was also believed that modern inventions improving gun-barrels and compression chambers played a large part in the success of the German warship.

Japan's Ships Bigger?

Rep. Melvin J. Maas of Minnesota, ranking Republican member of the House Naval Affairs Committee, warned that if the U.S. Navy hoped to achieve world supremacy designers must always be ahead of foreign experts.

Mr. Maas said that safety lies only in building "bigger, better, faster and more powerful warships." He added that the U.S. building programme at present was meeting requirements except with regard to Japan. The Republican Representative said Japan was reported building ships larger than any contemplated by the United States but added that "we are able to build more than she can."—United Press.

Greek King Thanks N.Z. Troops for Help

Cairo, May 27.

An expression of thanks and deep appreciation for the services rendered by the members of the New Zealand forces and the arrangements made by Gen. Freyberg, New Zealand Commander-in-Chief in Crete, for the safe conduct of the party of the King of Greece during its departure from Greece is conveyed in a personal letter from the King of the Hellenes to Mr. Peter Fraser, New Zealand Prime Minister.

Mr. Fraser returned to Cairo on Sunday night after a two-day visit to New Zealand war wounded in Egypt. Mr. Fraser spent Saturday night aboard a New Zealand hospital ship and also inspected a New Zealand convalescent depot, speaking to the men on their experiences.—Reuter.

Huge Sum Raised In London

London, May 27.

The total amount raised during the London War Weapons Week is officially announced as £120,041,000, which is an average per head of population of £21.—Reuter.

"Hochi" Approves Adm. Raeder's Warning

Tokyo, May 27.

Approving Grand Admiral Erich Raeder's blunt warning to the United States, which was voiced in his interview with Domei's correspondent in Berlin on May 24, the newspaper "Hochi" asserted this morning that there was every ground for justification of the German resolution to meet with force any warlike extension of American patrol system in the Atlantic.

On the other hand, the "Hochi" said, President Roosevelt's evident hesitation to introduce the outright convoying of British-bound war materials indicated that Washington, too, was convinced that convoying would inevitably involve the United States in European hostilities.

The "Hochi" said that Grand Admiral Raeder's warning was comparable in importance to the German declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare during the first World War.

Grand Admiral Raeder made it "absolutely clear" that unless the United States was counselled by a supreme last-minute resolution, American chances for remaining neutral from the Battle of the Atlantic would have been irrevocably lost.

Meanwhile, the "Yomiuri," also approving Grand Admiral Raeder's statements placing war responsibility on the United States, asserted that the successive reverses of the British forces from Greenland to Africa pointed with increasing clarity to the ultimate outcome of the European conflict, and also had made it clear that American entry into the war would be too late to save Britain from defeat.—Domei.

Hint of U.S. Navy Plan To Work With Another

Washington, May 27.

The possibility the United States fleet may be operated in conjunction with another fleet, presumably British, was implied in a report yesterday by the House Naval Affairs Committee on the bill to create additional Vice-Admirals for the Navy.

The report revealed the Committee raised the question of rank of U.S. naval officers with those of other navies while on future assignments.

"The navy presents the desirability of being able to detail officers of sufficient rank to represent this country effectively from the standpoint of relative rank with other navies," the report added.

There are a large number of British Vice-Admirals, whereas in the U.S Navy this rank is reserved to three high commands.

Rear-Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported to the committee last week that the principal need for legislation was to obtain commanders for "task forces" which might consist of a battleship division, an aircraft wing, a destroyer flotilla and submarines—first indication that the U.S. battle-fleet might be broken up.—United Press.

Menzies Appeals For Unity in Australia

Sydney, May 27.

Appealing for unity in Australian politics, the Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, who has just returned from Europe and the United States, said yesterday that he did not care whether he remains the leader of the Government, but whoever the leader is he must be supported by "unity of purpose in the action and spirit of the people."

He hoped his warm personal friendship with the Labour leader, Mr. John Curtin, might prove a symbol of ultimate all-round co-operation of all parties.

"Parliament must be an instrument of war, not dissension," he added. "I was astonished to return from the magnificent unity in England to find Labour members of the War Council in Australia still without executive powers. We must have the co-operation of all members of parties to face the supreme crisis in our history when one turn of the wheel might extinguish us forever."

Self Reliance Now

In reference to the United States, Mr. Menzies said, "I believe in President Roosevelt but for the next six months we must rely on ourselves. Australia must vastly increase her war production and abandon non-essential production and consumption."

He said no account he had ever read of the bombings before he went to England could possibly do justice to the magnificent people of the mother country. The war was producing a new order of chivalry whose knights were found in the back streets and lanes of Britain.

"In these people burns the finest flame of courage the world has ever seen. I have returned a burning enthusiast on the subject of what women are doing for Great Britain," he concluded.—Reuter.

U.S. War Department Takes Over Ship

New York, May 26.

It was reliably learned that the War Department has acquired the Cuba Mail Liner Siboney, 6,938 tons, which finished its last trans-Atlantic crossing from Lisbon under charter for Export Lines today. The War Department has already purchased twelve merchantmen in recent months as troop ships, with a total tonnage of 135,000 tons.—Domei.

Japanese Eagerly Await Roosevelt's Speech

Tokyo, May 27.

Serious attention was being paid by the Japanese Government to the forthcoming fireside speech by President Roosevelt because he may define the United States' attitude relative to American participation in the European war, thereby having "a great bearing on future Japanese-American relations," accordnig to the "Hochi Shimbun."

Commenting on this, the "Hochi" declared that Japan's diplomatic policy was aligned with the cause of peace and claimed this was demonstrated through conclusion of the Japan-Nanking basic agreement, the Soviet-Japanese neutrality pact and the peace treaty between Thailand and French Indo-China.

The "Hochi" asserted that in the event the United States "falls in line with this fair world policy of Japan and shows a sincere disposition to readjust relations with Japan, The Tokyo Government would gladly take up the matter."—United Press.

"Serious Problems"

Tokyo, May 27.

The "Japan Times and Advertiser," discussing President Roosevelt's fireside chat due today, declared that the President has very serious problems to attack with his own people who are sharply divided over the extent of assistance to Britain.

In view of the circumstances he would be well-advised to adopt a cautious programme "but it would surprise few if he showed a disposition to mark time rather than to commit his nation to a drastic policy, or in the direction of, intervention."—Domei.

Knox Want More Powers For U.S. Commanders

Washington, May 27.

Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, yesterday asked Congress for legislation granting Naval commanders authority to take "whatever steps they deem necessary" in United States territorial waters for "proper protection of naval forces."

Existing law vests such authority only in the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval operations.

Meanwhile, it was revealed that Mr. Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, was at sea with Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander of the Atlanic Fleet.

Mr. Morgenthau, it was understood, desired to observe operations of the naval patrol. The head of the Treasury Department has jurisdiction over the U.S. Coast Guard, from which several vessels have been assigned to naval patrol duties.—United Press.

Laval Says "We Owe Our Failure To Democracy"

London, May 27.

Making his first speech since his dismissal by Marshal Petain, head of the Vichy government, last December, M. Pierre Laval, former Vichy Vice-Premier, in a broadcast over the Paris radio, said: "We owe our failure to democracy. We do not want to fight for it. France cannot go back. She must fulfil two tasks with the great powers of Europe, get peace first and then overcome unemployment, poverty and its disorders and construct socialism.

"Those are the assurances that my personal experience can give America. Is America going to paralyse us on the way to a national resurrection? We need your riches as you need some of ours, but remember that France can only fulfil this exchange between the new world and the new Europe if she can collaborate totally with Germany. I know that this way may astonish you, but it is indispensable to France."

M. Laval added: "That the United States have been willing for France to be annihilated or torn to pieces by enjoining her to refuse the hand that Chancellor Hitler held out to her is a gesture that is without precedent in history.

"This war—perhaps on the other side of the ocean you do not fully realize it—is not like other wars. It is a revolution out of which we will rise rejuvenated, reorganized and prosperous."—Reuter.

Further Anti-Jewish Laws in Italy

Rome, May 27.

Extending the scope of its anti-Jewish laws, the Ministry of Interior yesterday decreed that all Jews—even if unaffected by the majority of the racial laws owing to past services to the nation or Fascist party—will be excluded from holding posts as administrators of villas or apartment houses even though these are owned or inhabited by aryans.—United Press.

Trial Opens In Errol Murder Case

Nairobi, May 27.

The trial of Sir Delves Broughton on the charge of murdering Lord Errol opened yesterday before the Chief Justice of Kenya. Lord Errol was found shot dead in a car outside Nairobi on January 24.

Towards the end of yesterday's hearing a police witness said he had found Fascist literature in Lord Errol's house and a card dated 1934 showing membership of the British Fascist Union.

The police witness said Lord Errol was Assistant Military Secretary soon after the war broke out but it was not part of his duty to deal with orders for internment of Italians. The witness agreed that Lord Errol was a successful "ladies' men."

Counsel asked, "Is there anything in this crime which precludes the possibility of its being the work of two or more persons?" The witness replied no.

Counsel continued, "One of these might have been a woman?" The witness replied yes.—Reuter.

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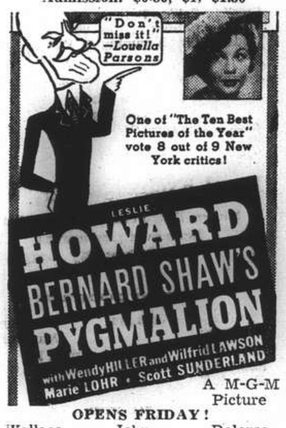

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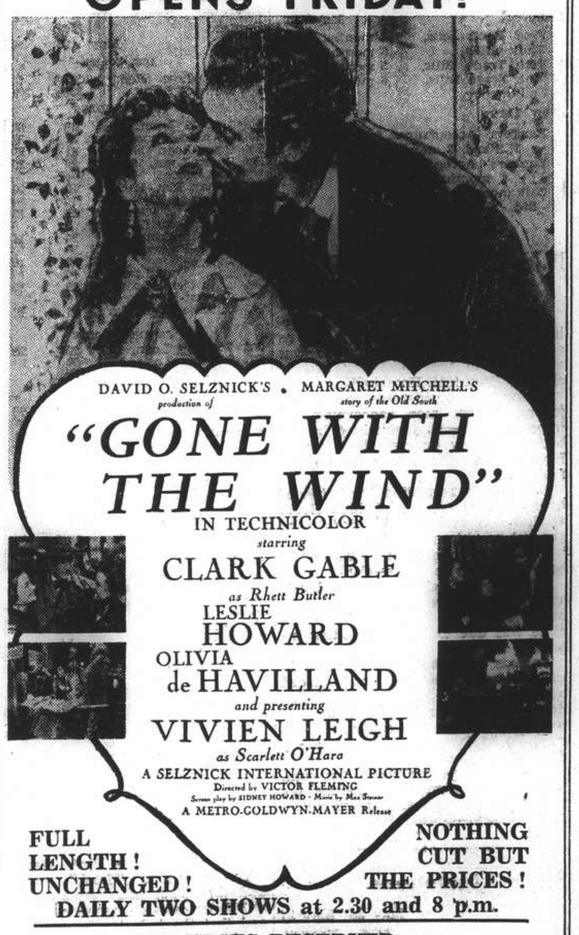

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Shot Fired at Japanese Express Train Carrying High Officials

Tokyo, May 26.

A sensation was caused aboard the Kobe-bound limited express "Kamome" on Wednesday last when a bullet, fired from a rifle by someone in the fields, passed clean through one window of a second class coach and out of another, says the "Japan Chronicle." Fortunately, however, no casualties were caused by the bullet.

The train had only pulled out of Kyoto Station a few minutes when the incident occurred. The outrage was reported to the police immediately upon arrival at the Osaka station, and the officials are now conducting a strict search for the dangerous culprit.

Great excitement was caused aboard the train, particularly when it was learned that Admiral Toyoda, the Minister of Commerce, and Admiral Godo, former Minister of Commerce, were travelling in it at the time of the incident.—Havas Telemondial.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1941

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 5/16d.		$ 72.45
U.S. $100 @ 5 7/16		$1,839.08
Yen	23⅛	$100
Guilders	10⅛	100
Rupees	18⅜	100
Pesos	10⅞	100
Hongkong $ 22		100

Closing rates unchanged.

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 13/32d.	$ 70.45
U.S. $100 @ 5 9/16	$1,797.00
London—demand, $1=	3 13/32d.
4 months' sight credits	3 7/16d.
4 months' sight docts	3 15/32d.
6 months' sight credits	3 15/32d.
6 months' sight docts	3½d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S. $5 9/16
4 months' sight credits	U.S. $5 9/16
4 months' sight docts	U.S. $5⅝

Closing rates unchanged.

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

£1=U.S. $4.03½ U.S. $1=59.48d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ...... 3 13/32d. U.S. $5 7/16
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Gold Unit 1.00—Local Dollar $5.039

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	3 23/64	3 23/64
U.S. $	5½	5 15/32

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Cash	SELLING		BUYING May/June
£ T.T.	3 11/32	4 m/s. l.c.	3 7/16
U.S.$ T.T.	5 7/16	4 m/s. l.c.	5½
Rs. T.T.	18½	15 d/s.	19

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London pence per std. oz.	23⅜	23⅜
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34¾	—

U.S. $/£ CROSS RATE CASH QUOTATIONS

New York closing rate for May 26 4.03½
Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close 3.91
Local Buyers of U.S.$ against £ at the close 3.92

The local market opened on the basis of 3 23/64d. sterling and 5 7/16 U.S.$. Sellers of U.S.$ in anticipation of new developments in the political situation made the market steady and quotations soon moved up to 3 23/64d. sterling and 5 15/32 U.S.$ on which basis the market remained during the major portion of the day. About mid-afternoon an easier feeling set in, and rates declined a little, closing uncertain with sellers at:—

3 11/32 sterling 5 7/16 U.S.$ Cash/June

Foreign Exchanges

Closing. May 26.

Bombay Rupee T. T. on:

Japan	81½ N	London	1/5 15/16
N.Y.	333¼-332¾	2 mths	
Shanghai	19¼	„ sellers	1/5 15/16
Hongkong	82½	„ buyers	1/6
		Japan 2 mths	
		„ sellers	83 N.
		„ buyers	77¼ N.

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.50	Bombay	1/6
Madrid	40.00	Hongkong	1/3 1/32
Berne	17.30	Singapore	2/4 3/16
Bel. Congo	176½	Yokohama	1/2½
Shanghai	3 11/32d.	„ buying	1/2

New York U.S.$. T. T. on:

Berlin	40.05	Brazil	5.05
Spain	9.25 N.	Japan	23.45/48*
Paris	2.32	Shanghai	5.54
Italy	5.05 N.	Hongkong	24.47
S'zeland	23.22	Hungary	19.85
„ "free"	23.24	Finland	2.05
Sweden	23.85	Manila	49.80 N.
Montreal	87.560		
London			4.03½
Buenos Aires Paper			29.78
„ „ „ market rate			23.75
Montreal on London			4.60¾

*—Offered N—Nominal.—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: May 26.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 1/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 3/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call money		¾%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0⅝%B 0 9/16%A
Call money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market Down

New York, May 26.

Stocks dropped to the neighbourhood of the year's lows today as caution on the part of traders was attributed to the impending fireside chat of President Roosevelt.

There was considerable speculation among market men concerning the impending speech, highlighted by the belief in many quarters that it may have an important bearing on the market.

Uncertainty regarding the battle of Crete, plus the loss of H.M.S. Hood, world's biggest warship, added to the general uneasiness of Wall Street.

Trading in many leaders was withheld until late in the session.

Utilities touched the lowest levels since 1938. However, there was no heavy selling in stocks, and the decline was due to lack of bidding interest.

Experts said that market news in general was bearish and urged speculators to keep commitments down, although selective operations were expected to continue. No market analysts foresaw a sharp decline in prices.

Bearish influences were the war, taxes, government price control activity, higher costs and frozen prices for industry.—United Press.

Silver Quotations

	May 26	May 27
London spot	23⅜d.	Unrecd.
„ forward	23⅜d.	„
„ gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market was again quiet yesterday, with prices uncertain all day except towards the close when there was a slight recovery. The rubber market was neglected and weak.

Official Averages

High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
462.56	106.32	General	274.77	—0.82
485.40	95.55	Rubbers	243.48	—1.26

Total 195,435 shares, 43 bonds.

Morning Session

China Finance					5000	1.12
S. W. W. "A" £20					20	905.00
Yangtsze Finance					1500	15.40
	500	*15.40				
I. I. Trust			500	23.75	500	*23.75
	500	*23.50	500	23.75		
S'hai Securities (X.D.)					1500	5.85
S'hai Land			1000	12.70	500	12.30
	500	*12.70				
Dockyards			100	25.00	100	*25.00
	400	24.75	3200	24.50	200	*24.50
	2000	24.75	1600	25.00	3300	24.75
Asia Navigation			3000	11.40	500	*11.50
	2500	*11.50	9000	11.50		
Ewo Brewery					3500	6.20
Wheelock			100	91.00	4000	90.50
	200	*91.00	500	*90.50	2600	91.00
	600	90.50	200	*91.00		
Ewo Mills (Ord)			100	33.50	1000	33.25
	200	*33.25	100	*33.00	1000	33.25
	1900	33.50	200	33.00	500	33.25
	100	*33.00	200	*33.25	1800	33.25
	100	33.50				
Textile			500	7.40	500	7.45
Worsted			1000	5.00	500	4.95
Tram (Bearer) £1					100	41.50
C. G. Omnibus			300	15.10	200	15.20
	500	*15.20				
Telephone					300	30.00
S'hai Gas			100	13.00	100	12.80
Paper (X D.)			5500	4.75	5500	*4.75
Lumber			100	43.75	500	43.25
	100	*43.50	1000	43.50		
Metal			200	28.00	2200	27.75
	100	*27.75	1800	28.00	200	28.25
	400	28.00	600	27.75		
Kaiping					100	37.00
Exploration			4000	22.00	1500	*22.25
	2500	22.25	5000	*22.50	3000	22.25
Power (Pref)					10	132.00
Anglo Dutch			100	15.70	100	15.80
	100	15.70				
Anglo Java			5000	32.50	200	*32.50
	1800	32.75	500	*32.50	2100	32.50
Bute					1000	6.10
Cheng			2000	*0.75	3000	0.74
Consolidated					1000	6.00
Kroewoek (X.D.)					1000	1.86
Kota					1000	4.00
Langkat			500	*23.75	3200	23.75
	500	*23.50	400	23.50		
Rubber Trust			500	9.50	1000	9.70
Tebong					1000	1.32
Ziangbe			300	19.00	100	*19.00
	300	18.80	200	18.70	100	18.60
Power 5½% Debs.					2000	*92.00
	2000	92.00				

ODD LOTS

Anglo Fr. Land 6% Tael Debs.	300	92.00
Asia Navigation	100	11.40
Ewo Mills (Ord)	50	33.00
Textile	50	*7.50
Anglo Java	30	33.00

Afternoon Session

China Finance					1000	*1.12
Yangtsze Finance			500	15.40	1000	15.50
S'hai Loan					1500	18.00
I. I. Trust			1000	*23.50	1000	23.75
S'hai Land			1000	12.80	1000	12.90
	1000	13.00				
Dockyards			800	24.75	2600	25.00
	200	*25.00	400	25.25		
Asia Navigation			2000	11.50	3000	*11.50
	4000	11.60				
Ewo Brewery			5000	6.15	500	6.20
Wheelock			1700	91.00	100	*90.50
	1700	91.00	900	*91.50	1400	91.50
Ewo Mills (Ord)			1800	33.50	700	*33.25
	1700	33.50	200	*33.50	200	*33.75
	1000	33.75				
Textile					1000	7.50
Worsted			4500	4.95	500	*4.95
	500	5.00				
Tram (Bearer) £1					100	41.50
C. G. Omnibus					100	15.30
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S'hai Gas					500	13.00
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	500	4.80				
Lumber					100	*43.50
Metal			2100	28.00	200	*28.00
	1600	28.25				
Exploration			3000	22.25	500	*22.25
	5500	22.50	1500	*22.50		
Anglo Dutch			100	15.60	100	15.70
	300	15.80				
Anglo Java			1200	32.75	300	*33.00
	300	*32.75	600	33.00	1000	33.25
	1000	*33.25				
Batu Anam					1000	1.26
Cheng					1000	0.74
Consolidated					500	6.05
Kroewoek					1000	1.92
Langkat			200	23.50	1100	23.75
	100	*23.75	1700	24.00		
Ziangbe					300	19.00

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*—Direct Business.

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, May 26.

Quiet and generally steady conditions prevailed at the opening of the London Stock Exchange today, with business largely confined to selective investment buying of industrials which occasionally were higher.

British gilt-edged securities and home rails moved narrowly; oils were dull apart from some enquiry for Mexican Eagles; and, Kaffirs closed steady at slightly lower levels.

Among foreign loans, Japanese and Egyptian issues eased slightly.—Reuter.

	May 23	26
U.K. LOANS		
3½% War Loan (Red.)	£103⅝	103⅝
3% Defence Loan	101⅝	101⅝
CHINESE LOANS		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	38	38
4½% Anglo-French Loan	37	37
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	21	21
5% Reorg Loan, 1913	29	29
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	7—9	7—9
5% Honan Rly., 1905	10	10
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	14	14
5% „ „ (Ger. Is.)	13	13
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	9	9
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	14	14
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	10	10
5% „ „ G.	10	10
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	10	10
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	10	10
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	9	9
5% Chinese Imp. Rly.	43	43
JAPANESE BONDS		
5% Sterling Loan, 1907	22½	22
6% Sterling Loan, 1924	27	28
BANKS AND INSURANCE		
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8⅞	8⅞
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	75	76
„ „ „ (Col. Reg.)	76 N	78 N
Mercantile Bank of India	11	11
National Bank of India	31	31
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	22	22
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIALS		
Bristol Aeroplane	10/-	10/-
B'tish American Tobacco	88/1½	87/6
Dunlop Rubber	32/7½	32/6
Imp. Chem. Industries	30/9	30/9
United Steel	22/9	22/10½
Woolworths	48/4½	48/3
MINES		
Chinese Eng. & Min.	11/-	11/-
Chosen Corp.	4/-	4/-
Marsman Investments	6/3	6/3
Pekin-Syndicate	1/-	1/-
Sub-Nigel	143/9	142/6
Western Holdings	11/-	11/3
MISCELLANEOUS		
Great Western Rly.	33¾	33¾
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	15/-	15/-
London, Midland & Scot.	12⅝	12⅜
S'hai Elec. Construction	13/6*	13/6
S'hai Waterworks "A"	15	15
Shell Transport & Trad.	40/7½	40/7½

Steel Industry

New York, May 27.

The magazine "Steel," yesterday said that steel mills were operating at 100 per cent. of theoretical capacity and that the industry in general was confident it had sufficient capacity to meet Anglo-American armament needs and normal civilian requirements.—United Press.

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, May 26.

Quietly easier conditions were witnessed on Wall Street today, with stock quotations generally closing from fractions to about one point lower.

Buyers were somewhat timid, owing to the confused reports of the Crete battle, while some anxiety prevailed over the loss of H.M.S. Hood and resulted in fractional marking-down of prices throughout the day.

However, there was no urgency to liquidate, and the slackness of dealings on the down-scale was greeted by bulls as an indication of the sold-out condition of the market.

The feature of today's trading was that numerous stocks were not traded.

The volume of business done amounted to 300,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	116.28	115.51	115.73	—0.91
20 Rails	27.67	27.47	27.54	—0.20
15 Utilit	16.90	16.75	16.85	—0.14
40 Bonds	——	——	91.09	—0.07
11 Commod.	——	——	68.97	+0.07

	May 24	26		May 24	26
Adams Exp	5¾	*5½	Int T & T	*2½	2½
Alg Lud	21½	20⅝	Johns Man	58	58
Allis Chal	26½	25½	Kennecott	35⅞	35⅝
Amer Can	79¾	79¼	Libbey O F	30	30
Am Cyan	36½	35½	Lockheed	21⅝	20⅞
Am For Pr	0⅝	*0½	Loew's	28⅜	28
.. $7 pfd	*17	*17	Martin	26½	25⅞
Am Loco	11½	11½	Mont Ward	33⅞	33½
Am Radtr	6½	6⅜	Nat Avian	*7⅞	*7⅛
Am Metal	*17½	17¾	Nat City B	*24¾	*24¾
Am R Mill	13⅝	13½	Nat Dairy	13	13
Am Smelt	40	39	Nat Dist	19¾	20
Am Sug	*14¾	14½	Nat P & L	6	6½
Am T & T	150½	150¼	Nat Sup	*5⅞	5¾
Am Tob B	63	63	N Y Cent	12½	12
Am Wtwrks	4½	4½	Niag Hud	2½	2⅜
Anaconda	25¾	25½	N A Avian	12⅝	12⅜
Atchison	27	27	N Pacific	6½	6½
Avian Cpn	3	3	N Am Co	12⅝	12⅝
Bald Loco	13	13	Packard	*2½	2½
Balt & O	3⅜	3⅜	Paramount	10⅛	10⅜
Barns Oil	9⅝	9⅜	Pen R R	23⅞	23½
Bendix	34	33½	Phil Pet	41½	41½
Beth Steel	70	69½	Pullman	27⅝	27½
Bliss	*14½	*14	Pure Oil	9⅝	9½
Boeing	13½	*12½	Radio	3⅜	3⅜
Borg War	*16½	16½	Reading	*14½	*14½
Brig Mfg	*19½	19½	Rem Arms	*4½	*4½
Budd Mfg	*3⅞	3⅜	Rep Avian	3½	3⅜
Can Pac	3½	3½	Rep Steel	18	17⅞
Celanese	19½	18⅞	Rev Tob	29	28¾
Chase N B	*28⅞	*28½	Schenley	9½	9⅝
Ches & O	35½	35	Shell U O	14⅜	14½
Chrysler	56⅝	55½	Soc Vac	9⅝	9⅝
Col G & E	2½	2½	Sthrn Pac	11½	11
Col Credit	22¾	22½	Sthrn Rly	23⅜	23½
Com & Sth	0⅝	0⅝	Spicer	*28	*29½
Cons Edis	17⅞	17½	Std Brands	5⅝	5½
Cons Oil	6½	6⅜	Std G & E	0⅞	0⅞
Copld St	13⅞	13½	Stand Oil	36⅜	36½
Curtis Wr	7⅞	7⅞	Studebaker	*4⅞	4⅜
Douglas	66½	65½	Swift Int	18⅜	*18½
Du Pont	143½	141½	Technicor	8½	8½
E P Lead	7⅞	7⅞	Tex Corp	39	39½
Elec A Lite	26	26	Transamer	4½	4½
Elec B & E	2	2	Tw Cent	*5	5½
.. $5 pfd	*54½	*55½	Un B & P	10½	10½
.. $6 pfd	*59	58⅞	Un Pac	80	79½
E E & L	*33	32½	Un Air	39½	38⅞
Flintkote	12½	*12½	Un Air Line	9⅜	9⅜
Gen Elec	29	28⅜	Un Corp	0⅝	0⅝
Gen Motor	37⅞	37	.. $3 pfd	21½	21⅜
Gen Rly	*12½	13½	Un Gas	7	6⅞
GenT & R	*10½	*10	U S Rub	21⅝	20⅜
Goodrich	12½	12½	U S Steel	52⅞	52½
Goodyear	*16½	16½	Vanadium	23½	23
Gt N I Ore	15	15	Vultee	5½	5
Gt N Rly	25½	25½	Walworth	4½	4½
Gt West S	*23½	23½	War Br Pcts	3⅜	3⅞
Int Nickel	24½	24½	West Elec	88½	86⅞
Int Paper	13⅞	13⅞	Woodward	26½	26½

BONDS

Am For Pr	54½	54½	Erie	24⅜	24½
Aust Com	*59	59	Int T & T	46⅞	46½
Brazil	21½	*21	New Eng	*62½	62⅛
.. 6½%	17½	17½	Sthrn Pac	52½	52
C S P & L	97⅝	97½	St G & E	87½	86½

*—Bid. †—Ex Div.

Dow-Jones Summary

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

The light but steady selling on the Stock Exchange today was attributed to unwillingness of traders to maintain large positions, pending President Roosevelt's forthcoming fireside chat and clearer indications of developments in Crete. Underwriters have reported that the $62,000,000 offering of American Viscose has been over-subscribed.

Manila Gold Shares

(Sales in Pesos)

May 27.	Sales 10 a.m.		Prices p.m. Closing	
Atoks	.32	A	.32	A
Antamok	.05	A	.05	A
Baguio Gold	.15	A	.15	A
Batong Buhay	.0075	A	.0075	A
Big Wedge	.30	B	.30	B
Coco Grove	.0625	A	.0625	A
Consolidated Mines	.0016	B	.0016	B
Demonstration	.0525	A	.0525	A
East Mindanao	.08	B	.08	B
I. X. L.	.22	A	.22	A
Ipo Gold	.05	A	.05	A
Itogen	.165	B	.17	B
Mambulao Consolidated	.01	A	.01	A
Masbate Consolidated	.085	B	.085	B
Mine Operations	.055	A	.055	A
North Camarines	.023	B	.023	B
Paracale Gumaus	Unq.		.245	B
San Mauricio	.30	A	.30	A
Surigao Consolidated	.175	B	.18	B
Syndicate Investment	.021	A	.022	A
United Paracale	.155	B	.16	
Mindanao Motherlode	.25	B	.26	B
Manila Hai-Alai	7.50	B	7.50	B
Benguet Consolidated (over the counter)	3.00	A		

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Japan To Issue Bonds

Tokyo, May 27.

With the semi-annual bonus season approaching, the Finance Ministry has decided to issue simultaneously between June 14 and July 10 the 22nd issue of National Savings Bonds totalling Y60,000,000 and the 8th issue of the China War Bond, toalling Y40,000,000.

The bonds will be sold for the first time in tobacco stores throughout Japan as well as post offices, offices of Production Guilds, and branches of Japan Hypothec Bank, the Government's designated underwriters of these bonds.

The new bloc to China bonds, as well as the revised lottery system, including Y10,000 for first prize, Y1,000 for second prize, Y50 for third prize, and Y10 for fourth prize, will be issued in Y10 and Y5 denominations, holders of the latter receiving one-half of the lottery prize payments.—Domei.

Commodity Bill Signed

Washington, May 27.

President Roosevelt yesterday signed the commodity loan bill assuring farmers cooperating under the programme loans equal to 85 per cent. of parity on cotton, corn, wheat, rice and tobacco. There will be no crop loans on rice which at present is quoted at U.S. $1.12 for 100 pounds, which is above parity.—United Press.

Chinese Govt. Gold Loan

London, May 27.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announces that bonds for £563,800 for the Chinese Government 5% reorganization gold loan of 1913 have been drawn and will become due for redemption at par on July 1, 1941. Interest thereon will cease to accrue on the bonds becoming payable and on provision having been made for their payment.—Reuter.

U.S. Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, May 26.

The cotton market opened quietly easier today, with quotations ruling from unchanged to 3 points down on "spot" house and Southern selling. Later, the market rallied on reports that President Roosevelt was signing the 85 per cent. parity Loan Bill and unfavourable crop reports in Texas. However, trading was light, with outside interest restricted by the general inclination to await President Roosevelt's speech tomorrow and further developments over the Smith Bill for freezing Government loan stocks. At the close, steady conditions prevailed, with prices ranging from 1 to 5 points up from the previous final levels.

The rubber market ruled comparatively quiet and steady throughout the day, with price movements narrow. Towards the close, however, a sagging tendency appeared on belated liquidation and reports of substantial arrivals. At the last call over, losses from 10 to 25 points were recorded.

After ruling firmer in sympathy with the signing of the 85 per cent. parity Loan Bill by the President, the Chicago Wheat Pit moved lower on hedging against a heavy movement of wheat to terminals and the contraction of interest in the flour market. Sentiment continued to be adversely affected by the shortage of storage space in the South-West and Government recommendations for curbing speculation in other commodities. At the final bell, losses from ⅝ to ¾ cent were registered.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
July	13.22-22 +02	July	22.55-58 —15
Oct.	13.37-37 +05	Sept.	22.25 N. —15
Dec.	13.45-45 +05	Dec.	21.70-80 —25
Jan.	13.43-43 +04	Mar.	21.40-45 —10
Mar.	13.43-43 +01		
May	13.43-43 +01		

N. Y. Sugar No. 3		N. Y. Sugar No. 4	
July	2.43-44 unc. B/A	July	0.81½-82½ —3 B/A
Sept.	2.47-48 +01 B/A	Sept.	0.89-90 —2 B/A

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
July	97⅛-97 —¾	July	74½-74½ +⅝
Sept.	98½-98⅜ —⅝	Sept.	76-76 +¾

New York Silk No. 1

July 2.85B-87½A —01

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, May 26.

After being easy on outside liquidation, prices in the rubber market today closed steady.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 13¼ —¼; sellers 13¾ —⅛; June del. byers 13⅛ —⅜; sellers 13¼ —⅜.

London Metals: Tin, Standard, cash, middle price £265½ —⅝; 3 mths, middle price £265½ —⅞.—Reuter.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Cotton yn. 20's, D.H. p.b. Cash		$1,389
Tungchow cotton	per picul	232
Shanghai cotton	per picul	212
		picul
Raw silk, Steamfil. 20/22 78%		$6.150
Flour, local	per bag (49lb.)	$29.00
Flour, imported	„	30.00 Nom.

London Bullion

London, May 26.

London Gold: Bar Gold, Fine, per oz. 168/- unchanged.

London Silver: The small trade demand was not satisfied. Market idle but steady. After the official fixing the market remained steady with no business done.

Spot	23⅜d. unch.
Forward	23⅜d. unch.

—Reuter.

Export Corporation

Chungking, May 27.

It is learned that in order to facilitate the management of China's export trade, the Chinese Government has decided to amalgamate the Fooshing and Fuhua trading companies into one company to be known as the Fooshing Trading Corporation.

Dr. H.H. Kung, Minister of Finance, will be concurrently Chairman of the Board of Directors, while Mr. Chen Kwan-pu, Chairman of the Foreign Trade Commission, will be deputy chairman of the Board. Mr. Tung Chen-tao will be chairman of the company.

Meanwhile, it is learned that the Ministry of Trade, which is expected to be established shortly, will be in charge of export trade only.—Reuter.

Tea Quota 95 Per cent.

London, May 27.

The International Tea Committee has raised the tea quota for the current period of regulation from 90 to 95 per cent. with a view to alleviating the position of the Eastern markets, where the committee thinks prices have risen extravagantly.—Reuter.

Seized Haiphong Goods Bought Under Loan

Manila, May 27.

Mr. Eugene Head, manager of the United States Far Eastern Trading Company, a Delaware corporation, yesterday told the United Press that the majority of American goods the Japanese allegedly seized in Haiphong Sunday were materials purchased under the American loan to China.

Most of the good seized, Mr. Head said, consisted of metals, gasoline, motor oil and machinery. All the goods have been in Haiphong godowns for almost a year, while the company awaited permit to trans-ship them. Last September the Japanese permitted about U.S.$1,000,000 worth of the goods to be re-exported from Haiphong. However, additional reshipments were refused.

The American consul in Hanoi has been attempting, without result, to obtain a permit from the French and Japanese to re-ship the remainder of the goods, valued at approximately US$10,000,000, Mr. Head said.—United Press.

War Nears Huge Oil Supply

New York, Apr. 26.

WITH the German Army poised at several points from which an invasion could be launched against the Near East, attention is being focused on the rich and not fully developed oil fields of Iran, Iraq and Arabia. Although the combined production of these three countries has been held to about 300,000 barrels daily, their output could be increased to several times that amount. It is estimated that their known oil reserves are approximately 20,000,000,000 barrels, figure not far from the total underground reserves of the United States, says Mr. J. H. Carmical in the "New York Times."

These huge oil reserves are not essential to Germany for military operations in the present war, but would be necessary in development of the Continent of Europe after conclusion of hostilities. Having control of Rumania with a daily output of 125,000 barrels of crude oil and a domestic production of approximately a similar amount from natural and synthetic sources, Germany, by restricting civilian consumption, has ample supplies of oil for all essential military operations.

Not Vital to Britain

The Near East oil supplies also are not vital to the military operations of Great Britain, especially operations around the British Isles. Normally about 100,000 barrels daily of oil from the Near East, principally Iran, were sent to England through the Mediterranean. With the entrance of Italy into the war last June these shipments were diverted around Africa. With the growing scarcity of tankers to transport the oil, however, this movement in recent weeks has ceased and the tankers formerly in that service are being used to move oil from sources nearer the United Kingdom.

Flow of Oil Stopped

At present the British military forces operating in the Near East are being supplied from oil produced there. Until a few weeks ago the refinery at Haifa, British Syria, which received its crude oil from the Iraq fields, was being operated, but with the establishment of a new government in Iraq the flow of oil was stopped. Because of the entrance of British troops about ten days ago into that country, the flow of oil probably will be resumed soon.

Iran Oil

The oldest important oil development in the Near East is in Iran, formerly Persia. In 1901 an explorer named D'Arcy obtained a concession for sixty years from the Shah of Persia. It covered virtually the entire country except certain provinces in the north and northwest around the Caspian Sea. Subsequently the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, now the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, was formed to exploit the concession. During the World War the British Government, to assure a source of oil for the British Navy, acquired a controlling interest in the company.

Operations have been very successful. A crude oil output of roughly 225,000 barrels daily is obtained from the concession. This is being processed in a modern refinery in Abadan at the head of the Persian Gulf. Although no official figures as to the known reserves have been issued, it is estimated that these amount to at least 4,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000 barrels.

Late in 1932 the concession was cancelled by the Iranian Government. After several months of negotiations a new contract was entered into in May, 1933, and the area of the concession after December 31, 1938, was reduced to 100,000 square miles. The new concession does not expire until December 31, 1993, and provides for a larger revenue to the Persian Government. The profits of the company were not restricted severely, however, for in 1938, the last year for which figures are available, net income was £6,109,477, or almost $30,000,000 at the rate of exchange then prevailing.

Expansion by Germany

Prior to the World War the oil concession from Mesopotamia, now Iraq, was the source of much discussion diplomatically. At the opening of the century Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany decided on expansion into the Near East and the phrase "Drang nach Osten" was adopted. At that time Mesopotamia was under control of the Sultan of Turkey. In the course of making a survey of a railroad to Baghdad, which was to be the terminus of a line from Berlin, an engineer reported to the German Government in 1901 that there were enormous oil deposits in Mesopotamia and suggested that a concession be obtained for developing them.

The Turkish Government, however, was not so eager to grant the concession and it was only a short time before the outbreak of the World War that it was obtained from the Sultan. With the opening of hostilities, development was postponed. After the Armistice in November, 1918, Iraq was constituted an independent kingdom under a British mandate.

On March 14, 1925, a concession covering 90,000 square miles and to run for seventy-five years was granted by the Government of Iraq to the Turkish Petroleum Company, Ltd., which was renamed the Iraq Petroleum Company in 1931. With the exception of a 5 per cent. interest given to C. S. Gulbenkian, an Armenian, for negotiating the contract, the remaining interest was held equally by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, the Royal Dutch Shell group, a French group and a United States group. Originally, six leading United States oil companies composed the American group, but subsequently the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, Inc., bought their interest.

Combination of Resources

The concession when granted was hailed as a common-sense method of pioneering in a difficult and distant land. It was the first time in the history of the oil industry that the nationals of several countries, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands and the United States, had combined their resources of money and skill in a common enterprise looking toward development of the oil resources of any country.

Despite lack of transportation facilities, drilling operations soon were started and in October, 1927, the first well, which flowed wild for several days, was brought in. Plans then were started for construction of a pipeline of 1,150 miles to the Mediterranean. Because both the British and French insisted that the terminus should be at a port under their control, it was decided that the line should be bifurcated at the Euphrates River, near the Iraq border, with one prong running through British territory to Haifa and the other through French territory to Tripoli, French Syria. The line, the most expensive single such project in the history of the oil industry, cost $50,000,000 and was completed late in 1934. It has a capacity of 84,000 barrels of crude oil daily, or 30,000,000 annually.

Although the wells so far completed have an output far in excess of the 84,000 barrels daily, their output, with the exception of a small amount processed at a refinery in Iraq for internal consumption, is limited to the capacity of the pipeline. It is estimated that the potential reserves compare favourably with those of the Iran fields.

Bahrein Concession

The other important oil development in the Near East is on the island of Bahrein, in the Persian Gulf, and on the mainland of Arabia. This venture, which was initiated by the Standard Oil Company of California, is being carried on jointly with the Texas Corporation. Although the development is not so far advanced as either that in Iran or Iraq, it is considered to be more promising and it has been said that production could be maintained at 500,000 barrels daily for years.

Standard Oil Concession

In 1930 the Standard Oil Company of California, with the approval of the British Government, obtained a concession on 90,000 acres on the island of Bahrein from the sheikh of that island. Development was started immediately and a production of about 20,000 barrels daily has been maintained for several years. Later a 30,000-barrel modern refinery was constructed. In 1936, to obtain marketing outlets, Standard of California made a deal wih the Texas Corporation whereby the Bahrein Petroleum Company, Ltd., obtained most of the marketing properties of the Texas Corporation east of Suez. As a result of this transaction, the Texas Corporation obtained a half interest in the Bahrein Petroleum Company.

Near the close of 1936 the Texas Corporation acquired from Standard of California a half interest in the California Arabian Standard Oil Company, which held a concession of roughly 100,000,000 acres on the mainland of Arabia. In 1939 this was extended to cover an additional 56,000,000 acres. Because of the outbreak of the war in September, 1939, development of this concession has been handicapped, but several important oil structures have been found and large producing wells brought in.

Britain to Sell Fuel Oil to Thailand

Bangkok, May 27.

Reliable sources told the United Press today they had been informed that Britain had agreed to sell a great amount of fuel oil to Thailand shortly. The fuel oil will be brought in two shipments, but the price has not been fixed as yet.

It was expected that consumers would be allotted 75 per cent. of their normal consumption as a result of the purchase.—United Press.

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SHIPPING NEWS

The ss. **President Monroe**, round-the-world liner of the President Lines, is due here at 3 p.m. today from New York via Havana, Cristobal, Balboa, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Kobe. Apart from bringing the next U.S. mail she is bringing here a number of passengers and a considerable amount of cargo for local discharge. She will tie up at the lower buoys 12 and 13. The tender Merry Moller will bring passengers ashore, arriving at the Custom's Jetty at 4 p.m. The vessel will remain in port until 11 p.m. tomorrow before leaving for New York and Boston via Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Cape Town and Trinidad. The last tender conveying passengers and light baggage will leave the Custom's Jetty at 9.30 p.m. tomorrow.

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The ss. **Hoten Maru** of the Dairen Kisen Kaisya will sail on her regular trip to Tsingtao and Dairen at 9 a.m. today from the company's Whangpoo Wharf where she was berthed since she reached port on Monday afternoon. Passengers will embark directly from the Wharf not later than half an hour before sailing time. Registered mails closed at the Post Office at 8 p.m. yesterday and ordinary mail will close at 7.15 a.m. today.

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Present arrangements set the sailing date of the French liner **Marechal Joffre** from the Hunt's Wharf at 6 a.m. on Friday on her return trip to Saigon and Haiphong with a consignment of cargo and passengers. She arrived in port on Sunday afternoon from Saigon via Haiphong bringing approximately 37,000 bags of rice and eleven passengers.

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Sir Westcott Abell, Professor of naval architecture at Armstrong College, Newcastle, is retiring from the chair at the end of September. Before assuming the post in 1928 he was for a number of years chief ship surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

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The next examination for masters, mates and engineers will be held in Hongkong on Tuesday, June 17.

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive today are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From NEW YORK & PACIFIC PORTS: Pres. Monroe, with mail, due 3 p.m., Buoys 12-13. Passengers are expected at the Customs Jetty about 4 p.m.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

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Nankai M	— 27/6	Asama M	20/5 23/6
From Los Angeles		**From Yokohama**	
Yawata M	28/4 2/6	Yawata M	17/5 2/6
P Coolidge	— 3/6	Anyo M	— 6/6
Asama M	12/5 23/6	**From Kobe**	
From Seattle		Taiyo M	31/5 2/6
W Cuseta	10/5 1/6	**From Nagasaki**	
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For New York		Cape Flattery	28/6
P Monroe	29/5	**For Hongkong**	
Nankai M	28/6	P Monroe	29/5
For Los Angeles		West Cuseta	3/6
P Cleveland	8/6	P Coolidge	4/6
P Coolidge	19/6	Coldbrook	18/6
For San Fco.		Cape Flattery	28/6
P Cleveland	8/6	**For Kobe and Yokohama**	
P Coolidge	19/6	Taiyo M	6/6
For Seattle		P Cleveland	8/6
West Cuseta	3/6	P Coolidge	19/6
Coldbrook	18/6	**For Nagasaki**	
Cape Flattery	28/6	Kobe M	28/5
For Manila		Shanghai M	30/5
Kamakura M	27/5	Nagasaki M	31/5
P Monroe	29/5	**For Dairen**	
West Cuseta	3/6	Hoten M	28/5
Yawata M	3/6	Tsingtao M	31/5
P Coolidge	4/6	Tientsin M	3/6
Coldbrook	18/6	Hoten M	6/6
		Tsingtao M	9/6

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Nantung M.	Nantung	T.K.K.
Tikugo M.	Dairen	T.K.K.
Hualu	Hsinkong	Chung Hua
Huashan M.	Tientsin	T.K.K.
Kamikaze M.	Tsingtao	Y.K.K.
Marsala	Hsinkong	V. Chieri
Fouling M.	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Tachi M.	Hankow	T.K.K.
Chialing M.	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Huadah	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Tsengyuan	Tsingtao	Showa S.
Chekiang M.	Tsungming	Chung Hua
Kobe M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Jimpu M.	T'sunkong	Hwa Chung
Tensei M.	J'chiakong	T. Konsu
Changfeng	Hsupu	Chang Feng S.
Talien	Hsupu	Wan Woo
Taiko M. 5	T'lunkong	Kaiun
Bonho	T'lunkong	Dah Shing
Haitung	Tientsin	K.K.K.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Pres. Cleveland	Am.	A.P.L.
Buyo M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Hokko M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Chingning M.	Jap.	Chung Hua
Kamakura M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
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TO-DAY'S WEATHER PROBABILITIES

Fine and hazy weather with rather fresh southerly to westerly winds around Shantung. Cloudy, damp with morning mist and south-easterly to south-westerly winds over our regions: north-easterly to south-easterly and rather fresh over the coast to the south of the Saddles.

	At Cathedral		At Siccawei	
Temperature yesterday	min. 63.0	max. 79.0	min. 58.8	max. 79.7
„ same date last year	min. 64.0	max. 78.0	min. 61.9	max. 78.3

NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS

SHANGHAI, WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1941 (3rd day of 5th moon)

AIR AND OCEAN MAILS

Pan American Airways Service per steamer on May 30, 8.15 a.m. registered and 9 a.m. ordinary due San Francisco on June 10. Air mails for Europe may be sent by this service to U.S.A. for connection with the P.A.A. Trans-Atlantic Air Service.

British Overseas Airways Service per steamer to Singapore on May 29, 6 p.m. registered and 7 p.m. ordinary.

Dairen and Japan Air Mail close daily at 8 p.m.

Next steamship mails for America and Europe: June 5, 7, 1941.

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DEATHS

SLATER.—On Friday, February 28, 1941, at Redhill, Surrey, PHYLLIS MARIA, the dearly-beloved wife of Mr. Arthur W. Slater, mother of Marian Elizabeth and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rose, of Forest Hill. Laid to rest at Redhill Cemetery on Wednesday, March 5. Deeply regretted. 12978

HIBERT.—On March 29, 1941, at Sibourg, Lançon Provence, near Marseilles, after long illness, DOCTOR HIBERT, formerly of Shanghai. 12979

TO-DAY'S EVENTS

MAY

28 Harvard Dinner at American Club at 8, Judge Milton J. Helmick, speaker
28 'The Trumpeter' XMHD, 8.30
28 *King of the Belgians surrendered Belgian Army to Germans (1940)*
28 *Belgian Government formed new Army to fight with Allies (1940)*

NOTIFICATION No. 5469.

MILD STEEL SCRAP AND CAST IRON SCRAP

For sale by tender about 30 tons of Mild Steel Scrap and 25 tons of Cast Iron Scrap. For particulars apply to Room No. 349 Administration Building, 193 Hankow Road.

By Order,

G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, May 27, 1941. 12966

NOTIFICATION No. 5466

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT BANK.

Fixed Deposits.
Conversion into 6% Loan of 1941.

Depositors whose accounts cover a period of twelve months are hereby reminded that they have the option of converting their deposits, together with accrued interest thereon, into the 6 per cent. Loan of 1941, which will be issued on May 28, 1941, at 92½ per cent.

The option of conversion will expire at 9 a.m., on Wednesday May 28, 1941.

By Order,

G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, May 24, 1941. 12968

NOTIFICATION No. 5467

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT BANK.

Periodical Investment Deposits.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an allotment of Debentures in the 6 per cent. Loan of 1941 will be made on June 5, 1941 in respect of those balances which were qualified for allotment on May 5, 1941. Allotment will be made at 92½ per cent.

By Order,

G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, May 24, 1941. 12969

WHANGPOO CONSERVANCY BOARD

Notification No. 335

TENDERS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS

Tenders are hereby invited for Rope, Paint, Cleansing Materials, Packing, Lubricants, Oil Fuel, Metals, Mild Steel Bars and Plates, Tools and minor sundries for six months' supplies from July 1 to December 31, 1941 to be delivered according to the Board's instructions.

Particulars of requirements and lists of material can be obtained at the Head Office (Dredging Department) of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board, Customs Building, and special attention is drawn to Article (1) of these lists.

Tenders, sealed and marked "Tender for Various Materials" and addressed to the Whangpoo Conservancy Board should state the manufacturers of each article and must be sent in before noon June 5, 1941.

The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, and reserves the right to place the contract for any separate item with any one of the tenderers.

Shanghai, May 28, 1941. 12965

NOTIFICATION No. 5464

LOAN OF 1941

Issue of Debentures for Dollars 9,000,000 at 92½ per cent. Rate of Interest 6 per cent. per annum.

Under the authority of Resolution VII passed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers held on April 17, 1941, the Council invites applications for debentures in the Loan of 1941. Of this issue $2,500,000 are reserved for the funding of outstanding temporary loans and for the Council's Trust Funds and the balance of $6,500,000 is offered for subscription to the public.

The Debentures in this issue will be for Chinese Dollars, local currency, and will bear interest from the date of purchase at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, payable on June 30 and December 31 in each year, except that the first payment of interest will be made on December 31, 1941.

The Debentures will be issued at 92½ per cent. and will be wholly redeemed by December 31, 1951, by means of semi-annual drawings in June and December of each year. The first of these drawings will take place in June 1942; repayments being made on June 30 and December 31 in each year respectively.

The Debentures will be secured by a Trust Deed under which the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation will act as Trustees for the Debenture Holders and in order to secure the repayment of the principal and payment of interest on this Loan the Council will assign to the trustees for the service of the Loan and set aside in a special account to be opened with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation the proceeds of Licence Fees and Entertainment Tax on Theatres, Cinematographs, Music Halls, Bijou Theatres and Circuses and also any part of the royalties which form the security for the Loan of 1940 which is not required for the servicing of that Loan. In addition the Loan will be further secured by a floating charge on the general assets and revenues of the Municipality.

The scrip will be issued in denominations of $10,000, $5,000, $1,000, $500 and $100 to suit the convenience of applicants.

The Subscription List will be open from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. on May 23, 1941 in the Loans and Banking Office of the Finance Department, Room 257, Administration Building, 209 Kiangse Road, Shanghai. In the event of this issue being oversubscribed allotment will be on a pro-rata basis.

Application forms can be obtained from and all enquiries should be addressed to the Treasurer at the above address.

Debentures to the nominal value of $6,500,000 of this Loan have been underwritten jointly by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Messrs. Benjamin & Potts.

By Order,

G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, May 24, 1941. 12987

THE ANGLO-DUTCH (JAVA) PLANTATIONS, LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-first Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Wednesday, May 28, 1941 at 11.45 a.m. for the following purposes:—

To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1940, to declare a final dividend, to elect a Director and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from May 21 to May 28, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.

Shanghai, May 15, 1941. 12672

NOTICE

I, FELISBINA ADELAIDE READ, of No. 305 Rue Bourgeat, Shanghai, heretofore called and known by the name of FELISBINA ADELAIDE DA ROZA SEQUEIRA HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that on May 16, 1941 I formally renounced relinquished and abandoned the use of the surname of DA ROZA SEQUEIRA and assumed in lieu thereof the surname of READ AND FURTHER that such change of name is evidenced by a Deed dated May 16, 1941 duly executed by me and filed in His Britannic Majesty's Consulate-General at Shanghai.

FELISBINA ADELAIDE READ
formerly
FELISBINA ADELAIDE DA ROZA SEQUEIRA.

Shanghai, May 28, 1941. 12975

NOTICE

I, CHARLES ALBERT READ, of No. 305 Rue Bourgeat, Shanghai, heretofore called and known by the name of CARLOS ALBERTO GUILHERME SEQUEIRA HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that on May 18, 1941 I formally renounced relinquished and abandoned the use of the surname of SEQUEIRA and assumed in lieu thereof the surname of READ AND FURTHER that such change of name is evidenced by a Deed dated May 18, 1941 duly executed by me and filed in His Britannic Majesty's Consulate-General at Shanghai.

CHARLES ALBERT READ formerly
CHARLES ALBERTO GUILHERME SEQUEIRA.

Shanghai, May 28, 1941. 12976

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HANSONS,
49 Szechuen Road Shanghai
Solicitors for George Henry Stacey the Attorney of the Executrix.

Shanghai, May 28, 1941. 12974

LESLIE HOLDING BARNES

deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to The Trustee Act 1925 that all persons having claims against the estate of the above who died at Westminster Hospital London on January 13, 1940 are hereby requested to send particulars to the undersigned on or before July 30, 1941 and notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

HANSONS,
49 Szechuen Road Shanghai
Solicitors for the Executrix.

Shanghai, May 28, 1941. 12973

ESTATE OF
OSCAR MARTINS d'OLIVEIRA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that creditors and others having claims against the Estate of the above deceased are requested to send the same in writing to the undersigned within two weeks from the date hereof after which time no claims shall be considered.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

T. RANGEL,
Legal Practitioner
330 Szechuen Road
2nd Floor.

Shanghai, May 28, 1941. -7730

HUNGJAO GOLF CLUB

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances of Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Hungjao Golf Club will be held at the Clubhouse on Friday, June 20, 1941, at 6 p.m. when the ordinary business of the Club will be transacted. Members desirous of bringing forward a Resolution on any special matter should send same to the Secretary at least seven days before the Meeting.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hungjao Golf Club will be held at the Clubhouse on Friday, June 20, 1941, at 6.30 p.m. or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting shall have been concluded, when the Resolution, particulars of which have been posted on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse, will be considered.

By Order of the Committee,

K. M. CUMMING,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Shanghai, May 28, 1941. 12982

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THE SHANGHAI DIRECTORY
(July Edition of the China Hong List)

Firms and private residents who have not sent in information for the above Directory are notified that all entries close at noon on Friday, May 30, 1941.

The Shanghai Directory Office
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WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

China Coast Time, Greenwich+8 hours. (For summer time add 1 hour.)

Meteorological Reports	May 26 16.00	May 26 21.00	May 27 4.00	May 27 9.00
Barometer (inches)	29.69	29.75	29.76	29.78
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.03	+0.03	+0.10	+0.03
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	+0.03	0.00	+0.07	+0.03
Wind (direction)	N/W	ENE	SSW	SW
„ (miles per hour)	6.2	6.8	5.0	6.2
Temperature (Fahr.)	71.1°	69.8°	61.9°	70.0°
Humidity (per cent)	65	89	95	89
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	8	0	10	9
Rainfall (inches)	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report May 26	Mean 1941	24 hrs. variation	68 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	29.71	—0.06	29.82
Temperature: min. 58.5° max. 74.5°	66.5°	—9.1°	68.5°
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	17.77	0.24	14.35

Time and Tide	28/5	29/5	30/5	31/5	1/6	2/6	3/6
Sun rises at Shanghai	4.52	4.52	4.51	4.51	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.50	18.51	18.52	18.52	18.53	18.53	18.54
Moon rises at Shanghai	6.29	7.18	8.11	9.06	10.04	11.02	12.04
Moon sets at Shanghai	20.29	21.15	22.01	22.45	23.25	—	0.06
Flood makes Shai. (day)	11.28	11.51	12.07	12.55	13.40	14.50	16.20
Ebb makes Shai. (day)	16.13	16.45	17.30	5.59	6.49	7.45	9.03
H.W. W'sung Bar (day)	13.15	13.38	14.26	15.15	16.11	17.12	5.40
Hit. above LLW. (feet)	10.65	10.65	10.05	9.69	9.30	9.10	8.48

THE WEATHER

(See top of page, left)

State on the morning of the 26th:—Low and rising pressure over China: normal and unsteady over Japan. Depression crossing the Eastern Sea east-north eastward. Northerly to easterly winds along the China Coast. Fine weather in north-east China. Cloudy and misty along the Coast.

State on the morning of the 27th:—Overcast and misty weather. Southerly breezes. Pressure rather low and steady. —Siccawei Observatory.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

(See top of page, right)

The following times apply to the Head-Post Office Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

WEDNESDAY, May 28.	Reg.	Ord.
Tsingtao and Dairen	*20.00	7.15
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	*20.00	7.15
Amoy Fukien and Kiangsi Provinces	10.00	10.30
Hongkong and Canton	11.30	12.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia	18.30	20.00
THURSDAY, May 29.		
Shenkiamen and Tinghai	9.30	10.00
Amoy Swatow and Canton	15.30	16.00
Indo-China A	16.00	16.30
Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. Ceylon India and Suez (via Colombo) B	17.30	19.00
Hongkong and Canton	18.30	19.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia	18.30	20.00
Hongkong and Canton	19.30	20.00
FRIDAY, May 30.		
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	*20.00	7.15
Aust. N.Z. Manila and Java Ports CX	8.15	9.00
Amoy Fukien Kiangsi Hongkong and Canton X	8.30	9.00
Shenkiamen and Tinghai	9.30	10.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00

*The night before.
A Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 29th.
B Parcel mail for S.S., F.M.S., Ceylon, Africa and India, closes at 16.00 on 29th.
C Parcel mail for Netherlands India, closes at 16.00 on 29th.
X Provisional time subject to alterations.

Next parcel mail for U.S.A. close on June 7, 1941.

Canton-Hanoi-Saigon-Bangkok Air Mail

Air mails close on every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. for registered and ordinary for transmission per Shanghai-Canton Air Line to connect with the aeroplane leaving Canton for Hanoi on every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and for Saigon on every Monday and Bangkok on every Friday. The air mails may also be sent per available steamer to Canton via Hongkong.

Netherlands K.L.M. Air Mail Service (Batavia-Lydda) per steamer to Singapore on May 29, at 6 p.m. for registered and at 7 p.m. for ordinary.

Royal Netherlands Indies Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Singapore on May 29, at 4 p.m. for registered and at 4.30 p.m. for ordinary.

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Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line at 1 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. at Yuhang Road Sub-Office daily at 12.30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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Peiping, Tientsin, Tsinan, Tungshan, Haichow, Kweiteh, Kaigan, Tatung, Kweisui, Paotow, Shanhaikwan, Shihkiachwang, Changte, Kaifeng, Taiyuan, Yuncheng and Linfen by the planes of the China Airways Co. close daily at 10.30 p.m.

Tsingtao per Shanghai-Tsingtao-Dairen Air Line close at 10.30 p.m.

Canton, Swatow and Hoihow per Shanghai-Canton Air Line close at 10.30 p.m. on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Daily Train Mail

Nanking only at 7 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Entire N.S.R. and River Ports up to Ichang at 10 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 10 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

T.P.R., north Pinghan, Lunghai and Kiaotsi Lines at 10 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Entire S.H.N.R. at 1 p.m.

Sungkiang and Hangchow only at 10.30 p.m.

Remark: For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe and U.S.S.R. via Siberia despatched per trains via Nanking and T'tsin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains (for time of closing, see above.)

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Contributions received by the "North-China Daily News" will be forwarded to the societies or charities concerned, by whom acknowledgement in these columns will be made in due course.

I. C. Milk Fund

United Piece Goods Co. collection box	$67
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Portuguese Benevolent Society

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